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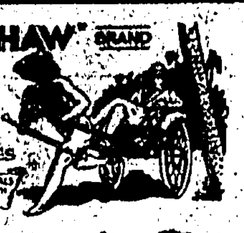
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WORLD CONQUEST BY JAPAN

DECLARATION OF A HUNDRED YEARS' WAR

TOKYO, YESTERDAY.

A GREAT SENSATION HAS BEEN CREATED BY THE APPEARANCE OF THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF SIGNED ARTICLES BY LT.-COL. TATSUHIKO TAKASHIMA, OF THE ARMY GENERAL STAFF, IN TO-DAY'S ISSUE OF THE "NICHI NICHI" CHAIN OF NEWSPAPERS.

The article is entitled "Japan's declaration of a 100-year war."

Lt.-Col. Takashima says that the China Incident has entered the stage of long-term warfare.

Settlement of the Incident will inevitably result in an epoch-making transformation of the world, for which Japan is now fighting.

Such a monumental task can only be accomplished in a period of one or two centuries, and therefore Japan now stands on the threshold of a 100-year war which she has launched for the renovation of the world in accordance with the "Japanese Imperial way."

Japan's sacrifices on the altar of peace include the obliteration of General Chiang Kai-shek's regime and replenishment of Japan's armaments against the Soviet.

Japan's sweeping victory over Russia in 1905 marked the start of reconsruction of the world on the basis of a new order.

All the edicts and shortcomings of Western culture were fully exposed by the outbreak of the Great War, which also led to the birth of Bolshevised Russia.

"RAY OF HOPE"

The new political idealogy of Germany and Italy provides a ray of hope for the renaissance of European culture, while the Anti-Comintern Pact gives strong impetus to reconstruction of the new world.

Judging by history and actualities, Japan is the only country in the world capable of successfully delivering subject nations from their abject misery, the author states.

JAPANESE LIGHT

What direction the construction of the new world will take, he concludes, will be known by understanding everything international in a Japanese light, while the modern history of the world is unfolding a new bright page. — Reuter.

NEW CAPITAL SHIPS TO BE BUILT FOR SINGAPORE

London, Yesterday.

Two new battleships for the West Pacific, to be based on Singapore, are included in the extraordinary £400,000,000 defence programme for 1939, according to naval correspondents.

Nearly 100 new ships of various kinds are to be laid down this year.

It is not the intention, apparently, to send old capital ships to the Far East.

Present plans provide for the provision of craft of special design, two of which will be laid down this year.

They will be high speed vessels, very heavily armoured, and in every way superior to any ship at present afloat in the Japanese Navy.

This is not, however, officially confirmed. — Trans-Ocean.

GERMAN AIR FORCE TO BE READY FOR EARLY SPRING

London, Yesterday.

The activities of German aircraft factories have greatly increased since the Munich Agreement, states Group-Captain L. O. S. Payne, R.A.F. writing in the "Daily Telegraph."

"This tends to confirm reports that Hitler has ordered the German air force to be ready for any eventuality by early Spring."

"United States army air corps observers have reported that Germany's output of military aircraft reached in November the phenomenal figure of 1,000 machines in that month alone, and that in September. Germany and Italy already had together six times as many firstline aircraft as Britain and France could muster."

Group-Captain Payne adds that about 400,000 skilled workers are now engaged in the German aircraft industry, compared with 100,000 in Britain.—Reuter.

WELCOME

Paris, Yesterday.

M. Daladier, the French Prime Minister, to-day, welcomed President Roosevelt's Congress speech and said it would contribute valuably to a firm stand by the democratic powers.—Reuter.

Big Cinema Deal

London, Yesterday.

The firm of financiers, Philip Hill and partners, is at present engaged in negotiating a deal which if it comes off will mean the fusion of six hundred to seven hundred of the biggest cinemas throughout England under control of a single company.

The Odeon Cinema group, which already owns over three-hundred picture houses, is seeking to purchase the shares of the British Gaumont Company, owning more than three hundred cinemas.

The director of the Odeon group, who has initiated the deal, is Oscar Deutsch, who is believed to be backed by big interests, while the three directors of the British Gaumont group engaged in the transaction are three brothers, Isidor, Mark and Mortiz Ostrer. — Trans-Ocean.

London, Yesterday.

Yesterday's severe frost has broken and a thaw has set in.

The weath is very much warmer, although Kew Observatory reports that this thawing will be followed by sleet and probably very thick fogs.—Reuter.

PARIS CINEMA STRIKE OVER

Paris, Yesterday.

The Paris cinema strike was temporarily settled to-day when the Theatre Owners' Federation agreed to the Government's plan for investigation into the financial position of cinemas in Paris. — Reuter.

A picture which has just reached Hong Kong from Tunis, which may come more into the public eye. It shows typical French native troops.

LONDON BUSMEN ON STRIKE

London, Yesterday.

A partial strike of London bus employees occurred to-day. The service on the three main lines of the City had to be restricted by one third to one half. Some suburban lines are likewise affected.—Trans-Ocean.

SUGGESTIONS FOR SANCTIONS SOUGHT

London, Yesterday.

There is reason to believe, states the diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" that Ministers during recent days have been giving close attention to the situation created in the Far East by the refusal of Japan to preserve the open door policy in China and the discriminatory measures she is taking against British and other foreign interests.

"It is believed that Ministers have been carefully considering what form of positive pressure can be brought to bear on Japan.

"I understand that the Treasury has been asked to report on measures which might progressively be brought into effect with the object of inducing a change of mind in Tokyo.

"It is known that for some time past the United States Government has been similarly considering action to secure respect for American interests." — Reuter.

Serious Chinese Bid For Hangchow

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Chinese forces have been engaged for several days in an attempt to capture Hangchow, according to belated reports reaching Shanghai.

The bulk of the 63rd Chinese Division has effected a crossing of the Chientang River, at a point fifteen kilometres south-west of Hangchow, and has converged with another unit which is advancing from a point further to the west.

At the same time another Chinese column has advanced from the south-west with the object of deploying the Japanese forces to the west of Hangchow.

After sanguinary fighting the Japanese finally succeeded in frustrating this encircling manoeuvre.

Another column belonging to the 63rd Division made a landing at Haiyen, on the northern shore of Hangchow Bay, and attempted to take Hangchow from the east.

The Japanese succeeded, however, in stemming the attack.

On information obtained from Chinese prisoners the Japanese authorities succeeded in discovering vast stores of handgrenades and explosives hidden in the city of Hangchow.

An army of eight thousand Chinese is said to be marching on Hangchow from the north. Fighting is still in progress in this region, according to latest reports. — Trans-Ocean.

SNOW FALLS IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The temperature fell below zero and the first fall of snow of the season occurred last night between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m.

The city is blanketed and the destitute are seriously suffering. —Our Own Correspondent.

"The Man About Whose Fate Millions Of Women Have Worried"

BERLIN, YESTERDAY.

BRIAN GROVER, THE BRITISH HERO OF A DARING FLIGHT TO SOVIET RUSSIA TO RESCUE HIS RUSSIAN WIFE, ARRIVED HERE WITH MRS. GROVER TO-DAY FROM MOSCOW.

The couple, reunited after four years, are spending a day in Berlin before leaving for London.

Mr. Grover had been released from the notorious Lubianka Prison in Moscow, where he had been sent after being found guilty of illegal entry into Russia, owing to the efforts of the British Embassy, and Mrs. Grover was allowed to relinquish her Russian nationality.

POPULAR IN GERMANY

"The man who rescued his wife from Soviet Russia" is naturally popular here, and the hotel near the Friedrichstrasse Station where the Grovers are staying has been besieged by well-wishers.

A picture of the Grover's arrival published in the "Berliner Zeitung" has the caption: "Escape from Soviet hell. The English engineers Grover, about whose fate millions of women have worried, with his rescued wife."—Reuter.

UNEMPLOYED CHAIN THEMSELVES TO MR. BROWN'S GATE

London, Yesterday.

London's unemployed today imitated the pre-War tactics of the Suffragettes in the latest of their demonstrations for winter relief.

Seven men of the Unemployed Workers' Union chained themselves to the railings outside the house of Mr. Ernest Brown, Minister of Labour.

Police were summoned to the scene and after three-quarters of an hour managed to free the men with the aid of hacksaws.

ABUSIVE LANGUAGE

They were then conveyed to a police station where they were charged with using abusive language and remanded until Monday, when they will appear in court.

This is the third of a series of demonstrations which have taken place recently, the other two being the depositing of a black coffin containing an umbrella outside Mr. Chamberlain's house at 10, Downing Street and the unfurling of a gigantic banner on the Monument. — Reuter.

LINDBERGH ON GERMAN AIR POWER

Washington, Yesterday.

Although it is denied that Colonel Lindbergh has communicated officially to the American Government his estimate of the strength of the German Air Force, the famous airman is credited with having reported that Germany today has at least 10,000 first-line bombing and fighting craft.

He is also credited with the statement that Germany's productity is unexcelled in any other country in the world.

Newspaper circles state that Col. Lindbergh issued further warning that Germany may soon be dominating the world in commercial aircraft production.

New mass production methods will enable Germany to undersell any of her competitors.—Trans-Ocean.

CONFLICTING INTERESTS OF THE AXIS

Paris, Yesterday.

Suggestions that there may be conflicting interests between Germany and Italy in the Czech-Hungarian border incident, find expression in the Paris press.

The general feeling is epitomised by the comment of "Populaire" that prejudice in favour of Prague in Berlin and the instinctive feeling in Rome for Budapest may not be lost sight of either for the political future of Hungary or for the distribution of forces in the event of a conflict in the Danubian region.—Reuter.

THREATENING TONE BY DR. IMREDY

Budapest, Yesterday.

"The treacherous attack at Makacevo will be firmly dealt with," declared the Hungarian Premier, Dr. Imredy, at a mass meeting to-day.

Dr. Imredy added that the Hungarian soldiers had the Government's confidence and the whole nation knew their duty and would fulfil it.

Those responsible for disturbing the reconstruction of a peaceful Hungarian state were being warned—"Be careful and leave Hungary alone." — Reuter. (See Page Four)

RIVAL TERROR

Jerusalem, Yesterday.

Arab terrorist gangs rivalling those supporting the Mufti of Jerusalem are said to have been formed by circles favouring the Mufti's opponent, Fakhri Bey Nashashibi, acting leader of the Arab National Party.

These gangs are said to be operating in the area between Jerusalem and Hebron, and cases of attack on people, suspected of sympathising with the Mufti are reported. — Reuter.

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COIFFURES TO GO DOWN

ONCE or twice lately the Duchess of Kent has worn her hair in soft curls on the nape of the neck.

Jeff, of Old Burlington Street, predicts that this new hair fashion will have brought about the downfall of the "hair up" regime by next spring.

When he showed his new winter and early spring hats this week he showed them on mannequins whose hair was rolled into long finger waves, just like the ones little girls used to wear. Jeff calls them Charles the Second ringlets, and says they were inspired by Charles and his cavaliers.

New Hats Are Victorian

His new hats were Victorian rather than Edwardian in feeling. He showed the most adorable little hats which were made of the merest wisp of straw and a posy of flowers, all linked together with yards of veiling, and, as a suggestion for a grand party, he presented a little crown made of stiffened black satin, exquisitely embroidered with seed and blister pearls, and matched it with a wide pearl-embroidered choker. It looked enchanting worn with a full-skirted black velvet gown which had ermine tails edging the off-the-shoulder neckline.

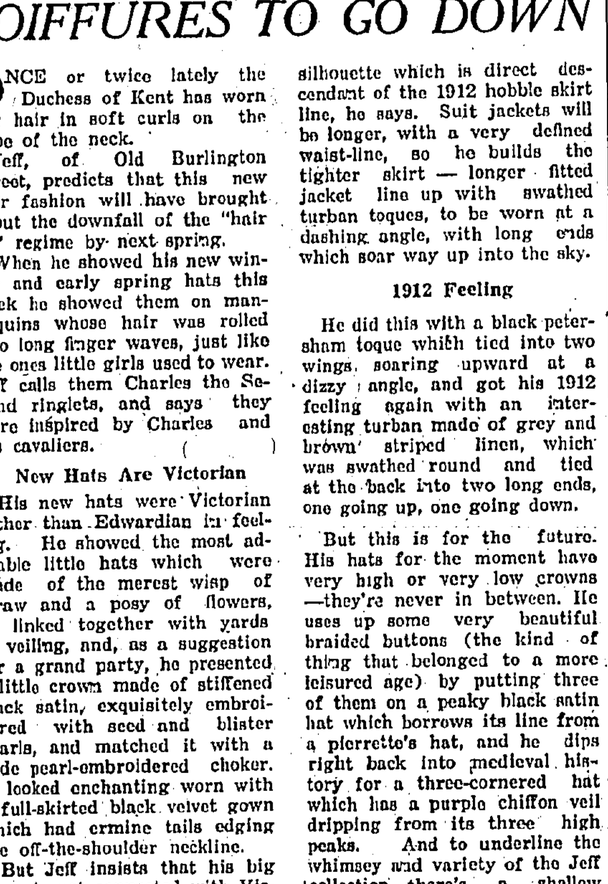
But Jeff insists that his big news is not connected with Victoriana and his dear little spring flower hats.

We will have new hair "does" and a new silhouette, too; a silhouette which is direct descendant of the 1912 hobble skirt line, he says. Suit jackets will be longer, with a very defined waist-line, so he builds the tighter skirt — longer fitted jacket line up with swathed turban toques, to be worn at a dashing angle, with long ends which soar way up into the sky.

1912 Feeling

He did this with a black petersham toque which tied into two wings, soaring upward at a dizzy angle, and got his 1912 feeling again with an interesting turban made of grey and brown striped linen, which was swathed round and tied at the back into two long ends, one going up, one going down.

But this is for the future. His hats for the moment have very high or very low crowns —they're never in between. He uses up some very beautiful braided buttons (the kind of thing that belonged to a more leisured age) by putting three of them on a peaky black satin hat which borrows its line from a pierrette's hat, and he dips right back into medieval history for a three-cornered hat which has a purple chiffon veil dripping from its three high peaks. And to underline the whimsey and variety of the Jeff collection, there's a shallow black felt hat with loops and loops of black carpet wool dangling down the back like a sailor's pigtail.



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THE MODERN WAY

Arranging Flowers

EVERY woman has her own ideas about the arrangement of flowers. It is as important and all-absorbing a subject as the choice of her new season's hat.

But just as some women select hats which do not suit them, despite the variety of their ideas, so there are many women who fail to extract the maximum degree of effect out of their floral arrangements, because they fail to appreciate important fundamentals, which make the compiling of a bowl of flowers almost traditional.

The Orientals base the technique of flower arrangements upon three essential points, the Leading Principle (Heaven), the Subordinate Principle (Earth), and the Reconciling Principle (man).

They consider that any flower arrangement which does not embrace these three principles, whether formal, semi-formal, or informal, is barren and dead.

Translated into present-day language, heaven is represented by colour, earth by the choice of flowers, while man is the hand which arranges them.

The Starting Point

The correct starting point of the arrangement of any bowl of flowers centres round the one bloom which is to reflect the predominating colours. A good example of what I mean can be gained by taking a lilium auratum, which is cream, striped with gold and pointed on the stamens with dull red pollen. With the lilium you could play up two entirely different colour themes, one rather insipida and the other very strong.

Taking the insipid theme first. You would arrange golden roses and apricot gladioli and carnations with your lilium. The effect of this could be greatly heightened with clever lighting behind the bowl. The stronger arrangement, by contrast.

Mixed Bowls

Take pink as your next colour then. There are some roses which have a definite tendency to bluish tones. On no account must you introduce anything faintly resembling salmon-pink into the vase. "Laddie" pink roses are ideal and immediately cry out for a combination of mauve, purple, and blue. With these roses you can have pink chrysanthemums and gladioli, while a mauve or purple note can be introduced with scabiosa, violets, gentians, and anemones.

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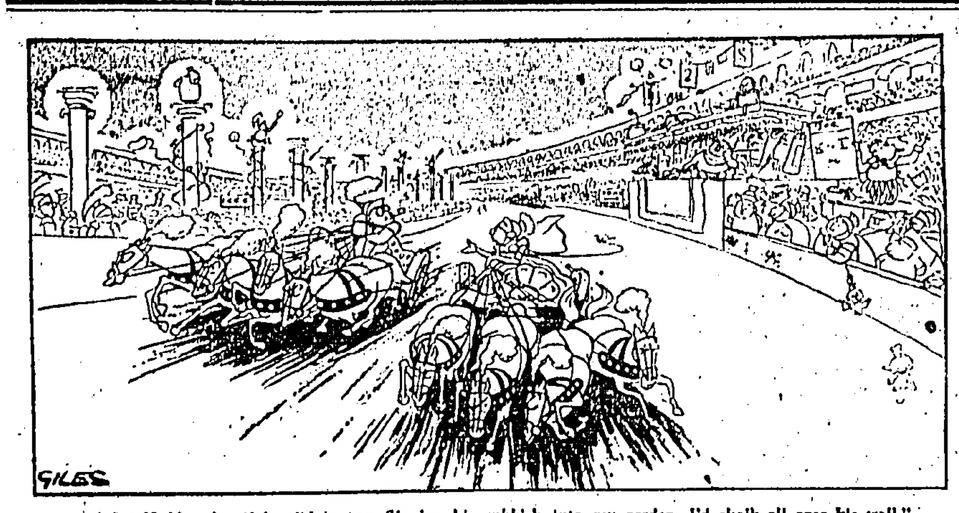

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Already a number of Cabinet Ministers are equipped with the Projector, and plans are being prepared by the Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence for mass-production of a greatly improved model.

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One scene of the American film, "Suez," depicts a debate in the House of Commons.

It shows the opposing Parties on the wrong sides, the Speaker's Chair without a canopy, the gangways misplaced, the mace pointing the wrong way, the leader of the Opposition standing in the place occupied only by tellers announcing divisions, and, what is perhaps worst of all, members holding their top-hats instead of wearing them.

It just shows how little these foreigners understand democracy.

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"Britain has not suddenly leapt back into a state of prosperity."—Mr. Oliver Stanley.

This startling announcement will cause a shock of bitter disappointment to millions of British people who were under the impression that they were wallowing in wealth.

I wonder how our statesmen find these things out.

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The Permanent Secretary of the Board of Trade has warned the millers of a calamity that will occur next year and cause "a tremenrous upset of the markets."

That calamity is a record supply of cheap wheat.

When are harvest festivals going to be made illegal?

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Referring to the efforts made to kill the sea monster seen off Deal, a correspondent to a newspaper writes:—

"This intolerance of the presence of any rare animal is deplorable." He quotes W. H. Hudson—"We should protect and hold sacred nature's masterpieces."

And now, perhaps, you will stop making rude remarks about Goering.

The Mayor of Ramsgate says that "people who are unemployed or cannot keep themselves should not keep dogs. It isn't fair."

He doesn't mean it. He means it isn't fair to the Treasury, poor thing. We aren't so well off as we used to be, and an extra shillingsworth of bones might prove to be the last straw that broke the Empire's back.

If dogs had any decency they wouldn't come when an unemployed man calls.

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Giles, I wish you wouldn't leave your crusts when you eat your sandwiches.

But I don't have sandwiches, Mr. Whatsit. I have my lunch in a restaurant. Anyway, there aren't any crusts about. And it's not me who makes the room untidy.

Well, somebody must have left some food about. We've got mice.

Oh, ho! So that's how it is, is it? Seeing things?

Don't be impertinent, Giles. I tell you we have got mice. I've heard them. There they are now. Listen to them rustling among the papers.

Oh, that! That's not mice. That's Nosey. He got in my way, so I put him in the wastepaper basket.

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A prefect of Vardean School, Brighton, has been suspended for going out without either the school cap or the school tie.

The other prefects have petitioned for his reinstatement. The headmaster told the Press: "The matter is a purely domestic and internal one."

I must deny this. The matter is of national importance. Indifference to the claims of the school tie marks a slackening of moral fibre, a disregard of fundamental principles, and the first stage of an Empire's decay.

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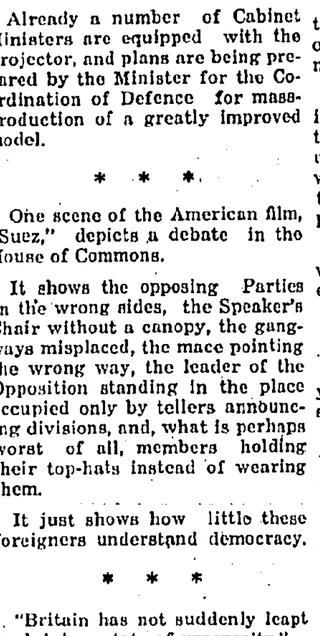
A contemporary calls attention to the current use, in newspaper headlines, of the phrase "Crime Chief," meaning a chief detector of crime, and not, as might be supposed, an arch-criminal.

The present fashion of omitting words is necessary. There is a glut of language, so we mustn't use much. That's only sound economics. (See wheat, fish, milk, etc.).

This example of word-saving recalls the remark attributed to a magistrate when sentencing an undergraduate charged with theft:—

"Here's your father given you a good education, instead of which you go about stealing bicycles."



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FRANCO DRIVE ENTERS ON THIRD WEEK WITH UNDIMINISHED VIOLENCE

London, Yesterday.

General Franco's great offensive on the Catalan front has entered upon its third week with undiminished violence and the Government forces are being given no time to rally and reorganise their forces.

It is admitted at Burgos, however, that the insurgent losses have been extremely heavy and several of the Italian divisions are reported to have lost more than fifty per cent. of their effectives.

Rapid progress is said to have been made last evening and this morning on the extreme right wing, which is reported to be within 25 miles of Tarragona.

In an official communique, the Nationalists claim that a large part of the Republican army has been destroyed and the fall of Tarragona is expected by Monday.

On the other hand, the Republican offensive on the Cordoba front is developing rapidly, and has led to the capture successively of Valsequillo, Blasquez and Granjuela, as well as the ridge of the Trapera Mountains.

The official Barcelona bulletin states that 250 square kilometres of ground has been gained.

MORE HOPEFUL

Barcelona is also more hopeful to-day concerning developments on the Catalan front. It is stated that the impetus of the insurgent attack is dying out and that all attacks in the Artesa de Segres sector have been repulsed.

The insurgent claim to the capture of Vinaixa is disputed. —Trans-Ocean and Reuter.

VINAIXA CLAIMED

London, Yesterday.

General Franco's troops claim to have captured the town of Vinaixa, 25 miles from Tarragona, and to be continuing the advance along the Lorida-Tarragona road.

The Nationalists also claim to have cut the road ten miles east of Borjas Blancas.

The Republican troops resisted tenaciously but are now reported to be retreating more rapidly, with the Nationalists artillery shelling their positions.

The Spanish Government declares that its surprise attack in the Estramadura sector is gaining ground.—Reuter.

FUNK IN ROME

Rome, Yesterday.

The Nazi Economics Minister, Dr. Walter Funk, who has spent several weeks on the island of Sicily, will arrive in Rome to-day.

His stay in Rome will give Dr. Funk an opportunity to discuss with leading Italian personalities a number of German-Italian economic questions.—Trans-Ocean.

WANG CHUNG HUI ON TOKYO CRISIS

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The Chinese Foreign Minister, Dr. Wang Chung-hui, has granted an interview at Chungking to the representative of the Shanghai Chinese paper "China Evening News," stressing that the situation of China has become more and more favourable while that of Japan had worsened.

The Japanese invasion of Chinese territory during the last 18 months had destroyed the interests of third Powers to such an extent that Japan had become the "common enemy."

The Chinese Foreign Minister expressed the opinion that the reshuffle of the Japanese Cabinet indicated that Japan was confronted with huge difficulties.

He predicted that the new Cabinet would take a more drastic policy and more drastic measures for destroying the interests of foreign powers in China. — Trans-Ocean.

MR. CHURCHILL FLIES TO FRANCE

London, Yesterday.

Mr. Winston Churchill left London to-day by plane for Paris on the way to the French Riviera, where he will stay for two or three weeks.

His journey is described by well-informed circles as having no political importance, although he will meet in the South of France a number of leading French politicians.

It is also thought likely that Mr. Churchill will meet the Duke and Duchess of Windsor.—Trans-Ocean.

Hungarian Frontier Fighting Ends With Agreement On Joint Inquiry

"They're off!" The start of a race for toddlers on Child ren's Day at the K.C.C.

ACCUSATIONS OF BIAS; TUT, TUT

BERLIN, YESTERDAY.

AN ACCUSATION OF BIAS IN FAVOUR OF REPUBLICAN SPAIN WAS MADE IN THE NAZI PRESS THIS MORNING AGAINST BRITAIN AND FRANCE.

Insisting that the Franco-Italian dispute makes the Spanish Civil War a decisive factor in the Mediterranean problem, the "Voelkischer Beobachter" warns France against adopting a negative attitude to Italy's justified claims.

The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" declares that a new French campaign to help Republican Spain is in progress, by which Italy, rather than General Franco, will be attacked. — Reuter.

CHINESE LAUNCH COUNTER-ATTACK

Sian, Yesterday.

To check the Japanese advance from south Shansi, Chinese forces have launched vigorous counter-attacks on Lishih, 110 miles southwest of Taiyuan.

Latest despatches claim that the Chinese right wing has advanced to the vicinity of Tiger Hill, while the left wing is in occupation of Phoenix Hill, both on the outskirts of Lishih.—Central News.

FRENCH WAR COUNCIL TO MEET

Paris, Yesterday.

M. Edouard Daladier, the French Prime Minister, returned to Toulon this morning following his inspection of France's Mediterranean Colonies.

It is announced that as soon as he reaches Paris, a meeting of the French War Council will be convened at which M. Daladier will give impressions of his tour and of the deliberations he had with the various Colonial Governors and commanders-in-chief.

The meeting is regarded as specially important in view of Mr. Chamberlain's visit to Rome.—Reuter.

BOMB OUTRAGE IN JERUSALEM

Jerusalem, Yesterday.

A number of bomb outrages occurred in Jerusalem last night.

A bomb was hurled at the house belonging to the District Commissioner of Jerusalem. Part of the house is at present occupied by the Swedish Consul.

Bombs were also thrown at a house belonging to the Mufti's brother-in-law and at a shop whose owner had refused to take part in the recent general strike.

This new outburst of violence on the eve of the London Palestine Conference has caused considerable uneasiness. — Trans-Ocean.

C.N.A.C. TO OPEN NEW SERVICE

Chungking, Yesterday.

Preparations are nearing completion by the China National Aviation Corporation to inaugurate a Chungking-Kweiyang passenger and mail line on January 10.

According to tentative arrangements, trips will be twice a week, planes leaving Chungking on Tuesday and Friday mornings and returning from Kweiyang in the same afternoon. — Central News.

KING OF YEMEN AND PALESTINE

London, Yesterday.

The King of Yemen has accepted the British invitation to send a delegation to the Palestine Conference in London, it was stated here this morning.

The delegation, it is said, will be headed by the King's second son, Emir Seif Ul Islam, who represented his father at the Coronation ceremony in London in 1937. —Trans-Ocean.

COUNCIL OF STATE DURING KING'S TOUR

London, Yesterday.

During the absence of the King from England while touring Canada and the United States in the Spring, his place as ruler of the country will be taken by a specially appointed Council of State.

According to the law enacted in 1937 this Council of State will consist of the nearest relative of the absent ruler, including wife or husband, respectively.

Since Queen Elizabeth accompanies King George, and the children of the Duke of Kent and of Princess Mary are minors, the State Council in this case is to be made up by the Dukes of Kent and Gloucester, Princess Mary (Countess Harewood) and Princess Arthur of Connaught.

Prior to enactment of the 1937 Regency Law an absent King of England was represented by the Prime Minister, the Lord Chancellor and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

This was changed because the political equality of rights accorded to the Dominions disallowed a Minister of the home country to exercise Royal functions over the Dominions. — Trans-Ocean.

Jerusalem, Yesterday.

Shibley Jamal, one of the leaders of the Palestine Arabs, will go with the consent of the authorities in Palestine to Lebanon, in order to confer there with the Mufti concerning the composition of the Arabian delegation to the Palestine Conference. — Trans-Ocean.

Miss Ellen Ford, who will appear in the new Goncharoff show. (D'Asia Studio)

CZECHS FAIL TO REPLY TO DEMARCHE

LONDON, YESTERDAY.

FIGHTING BETWEEN HUNGARIANS AND CZECHS ON THE RUTHENIA FRONTIER HAS CEASED AND THE TROUBLE IS NOT LIKELY TO RECUR, ACCORDING TO RELIABLE INFORMATION FROM THE AREA.

A Prague message says that the Czech Government does not propose to reply to the strong Hungarian Note until the result is known of the inquiry now being conducted by a Mixed Commission, but official quarters allege Hungarian responsibility for the outbreak.

The clash, in the first instance, is attributed to one of the roving bands of Hungarian irregulars, who have been to blame for several incidents in the last month.

QUIETUDE

Budapest, Yesterday.

Normal conditions have been restored in and near Munkacz, according to the Budapest afternoon papers.

No shot has been fired since 7 o'clock last evening and further development depends on the outcome of the investigation by the mixed Hungarian-Czecho-Slovak military commission. — Trans-Ocean.

"NOT TRUE"

Chust, Yesterday.

The liaison officer of the Carpatho-Ukrainian Government has issued the following communique;

"The Hungarian radio report that our troops attacked Hungarian detachments near Munkacs is not true. On the contrary, a Czech patrol of three men was attacked on January 6, at 3.44 a.m. while making a round of inspection and one gendarme was wounded. An exchange of shots occurred between the two groups, the Hungarian detachments replying with organised fire." — Trans-Ocean.

ARMOURED CARS USED

Bratislava, Yesterday.

According to an official Slovak statement, armed Hungarian detachments which have not yet been defined with certainty as regular army or irregulars, crossed at 3.55 a.m. into Czecho-Slovak territory between the villages of Rosvegovo and Monasty, opening fire on Czechoslovak frontier guards and police.

Czechoslovak armed forces finally succeeded in driving the Hungarians back into Hungary, but had to use armoured cars and artillery in doing so.

There are numerous dead and wounded on both sides.

The official Slovak report adds that the Hungarians apparently organized the incident in order to wipe out the bad impression made by Hungarian frontier violations near Surany. —Trans-Ocean.

REGULAR BATTLE

Prague, Yesterday.

The Foreign Ministry still lacks detailed information concerning the incident at Muncacz.

The reason for the delay is that communications between Prague and Chust are interrupted.

Informed quarters opine that it is improbable that the demarcation line has been crossed by Czech troops since it is impossible that regular troops under the command of officers would assume responsibility. The account furnished by Carpatho-Ukrainian officials declares that the incident is attributable to the fact that a patrol of Czechoslovak police was attacked by Hungarian soldiers

The attack developed into a regular battle which continued until dusk. — Trans-Ocean.

PRAGUE STATEMENT

Prague, Yesterday.

The shooting affray on the Czechoslovak-Hungarian frontier which began early yesterday morning and about which numerous conflicting reports have been issued, is to be investigated by a mixed committee composed of Czecho-Slovaks and Hungarians, it is officially announced.

In a communique to the press, it is stated: "Serious incidents occurred near Munkacs which at the present time are being investigated.

"The Hungarian Charge D'Affaires in Prague visited the Czecho-Slovak Ministry for Foreign Affairs and presented a memorandum according to which the Hungarian Government holds the Czech Government responsible for the incident.

"The Ministry for Foreign Affairs has withhold answer until detailed investigation has revealed which party was responsible for the incident.

"The Hungarian Charge D'Affaires was informed that, according to available information, the principal liaison officer has already arrived in Munkacs and has agreed with the Hungarian liaison officers that the incident shall be investigated by a mixed Czecho-Slovak-Hungarian committee."—Trans-Ocean.

POLISH BORDER ALSO TROUBLOUS

PRAGUE, YESTERDAY.

WHILE A DISTURBING SITUATION PERSISTS ON THE HUNGARIAN FRONTIER, FURTHER CRISIS THREATENS IN THE TESCHEN DISTRICT WHERE DISORDERS HAVE BEEN OCCURRING INTERMITTENTLY SINCE THE TERRITORY FELL INTO POLISH HANDS.

The outlook shows no sign of improvement and the Polish military authorities, taking extensive measures towards militarising the area, have concentrated several infantry regiments, as well as cavalry and machine-gun detachments there.

It is believed that these measures will remain in force until the Spring.—Trans-Ocean.

JEWISH REFUGEE OFFICE

London, Yesterday.

It is learned that the Australian Government is establishing a special office in London for interviewing Jewish refugees desirous of seeking permits to land in Australia.

The purpose will be to ensure that the immigrants are of good type and capable of supporting themselves.—Trans-Ocean.

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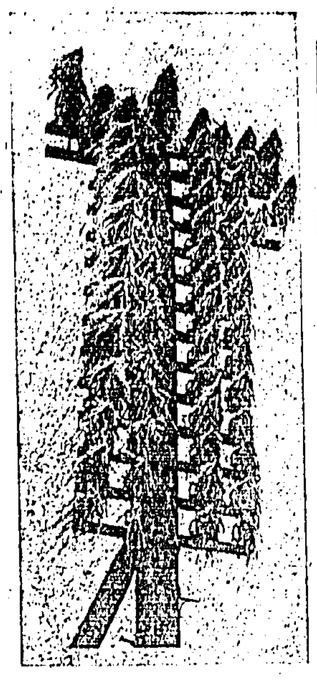


Wisps of straw and hay, blown from a nearby field during the recent high winds, produced this extraordinary effect on the Cambridge road just outside Royston. The telegraph pole has grown whiskers.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S STOP-OVER IN PARIS

Speculation Roused By Change Of Plans

TO TAKE TEA WITH MM. BONNET AND DALADIER

London, Yesterday.

When Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax leave for Rome on Tuesday they will travel to Paris on the Golden Arrow service, and from Paris as far as Modane on the Rome Express.

Between the arrival of the Golden Arrow and the departure of the Rome Express they will have about two hours in Paris, and in this brief interval the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary will call at the Quai d'Orsay where they will take tea with M. Bonnet, the French Foreign Minister, and M. Daladier, the French Premier.

On arrival of the Rome Express at Modane, the carriages in which the British Ministerial party are travelling will be detached and formed into a special train.

The party arrives in Rome at 4.30 on Wednesday afternoon, where Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax will be met by the highest authorities of the State.

After a call at the Villa Madamma, where the British statesmen will stay as guests of the Italian Government during their visit, and a courtesy call to sign the visitors' book at the Quirinal, the British Ministers will proceed to the Palazzo Venezia where they will be received by Signor Mussolini, and later in the evening will be entertained by the Duce at a banquet.

GYMNASTIC DISPLAY

On Thursday morning Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax will have an audience with the King-Emperor and will remain to lunch at the Quirinal.

In the afternoon they will attend a gymnastic display at the Forum Mussolini, and in the evening a gala performance of the Opera, after which they will be entertained to supper by the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano.

On Friday morning the two British Ministers will go to the Vatican and will be given an audience by the Pope, afterwards attending a luncheon given by the British Minister to the Holy See, Mr. d'Arcy Osborne.

EMBASSY BANQUET

After a visit to the Metallurgical Exhibition in the afternoon, they will attend a reception in their honour at the Capitol.

Their social engagements will end with a banquet given at the British Embassy by the British Ambassador, the Earl of Perth, followed by a reception.

Lord Halifax will leave Rome on January 14, earlier than Mr. Chamberlain, in order to proceed to Geneva for the League of Nations Council meeting, but the Prime Minister's special train leaves at midday and he is expected back in London on Sunday night.

This programme will provide the necessary opportunities for conversations of a political character between the British and Italian statesmen.—British Wireless.

IDEA REJECTED ONLY A FEW DAYS AGO

Political circles attribute considerable significance to the Paris stop-over because only a few days ago French quarters rejected the idea of preliminary discussion because it might be interpreted as mediation in the Franco-Italian controversy.

The French Premier's speech at Algiers has attracted more than usual attention because he adopted a sharper tone than in his speeches in Corsica or Tunis.

The Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, will depart from Rome on Saturday forenoon for Geneva where he will attend the meeting of the League of Nations Council, and the Prime Minister will begin his return journey on Saturday afternoon, arriving in London on Sunday evening.—Trans-Ocean.

WEEK-END IN COUNTRY

London, Yesterday.

The Prime Minister left Downing Street last evening for the country where he will spend the week-end, returning to London on Monday morning.—British Wireless.

London Nurses "Keep Fit". A nurse assists her companion to do the 'bicycle' exercise at the Keep Fit class.

GERMAN SUBMARINE BASES ON THE BASQUE COAST

London, Yesterday.

German submarine bases are being established on the Basque coast of Spain, constituting a direct threat to British shipping in the Channel during wartime.

This allegation was made by the representative in London of the former Basque Government.

He added that in addition to several bases which have already been built along the coast, Germans are gradually taking over the key positions in civil life and trade in the Basque country.—Reuter.

ARABS REJECT FRENCH OFFER

Cairo, Yesterday.

The Arab High Committee which had planned a visit to Syria to confer with the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem has announced that it will not enter the country under the conditions stipulated by the French authorities. It was demanded that the Committee members should pledge themselves to negotiate only with the Grand Mufti, make no public statement, and leave Syria within five days.—Trans-Ocean.

SECRET REPORT BY LINDBERGH DENIED

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt denied to press representatives yesterday that that he or any other member of the American Government had received a secret report from Colonel Lindbergh on the German Air Force.—Trans-Ocean.

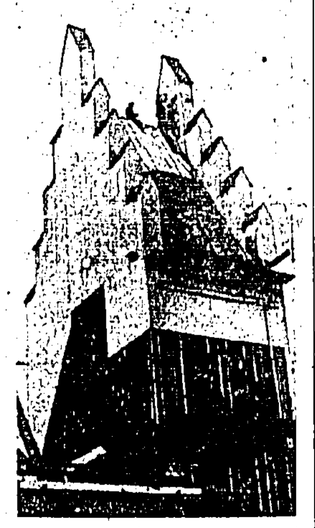
MINISTERS MEET AT NO.10

London, Yesterday.

A meeting of Ministers took place at 10 Downing Street yesterday.

Those present included the Prime Minister, Sir John Simon, Lord Halifax and Mr. Malcolm Macdonald.—British Wireless.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" is due at Hong Kong on Friday at 9 a.m.



THE END OF SCOTLAND'S EMPIRE EXHIBITION. Hundreds of workmen are busily engaged in demolishing the Empire Exhibition at Glasgow. The work will take many months to complete. A total of £500,000 in admission charges was received during the run of the Exhibition. Photo shows men at work demolishing the Church of Scotland building.

BATTLESHIPS FOR U.S. ATLANTIC SQUADRON

Washington, Yesterday.

President Roosevelt has announced the creation of a permanent Atlantic Squadron, consisting of four battleships, eight cruisers and flotillas of destroyers and submarines as well as auxiliary ships.

Government circles indicate that this Squadron is only the nucleus of a big Atlantic Fleet laid down in the new naval budget.—Trans-Ocean.

MORE TROOPS EMBARKED FOR DJIBOUTI

Marseilles, To-day.

An additional 1,000 Senegal troops embarked yesterday afternoon on the M. M. liner, Athos II, for duty in French Somaliland.

The Commander of the 16th Military District, General Olry, reviewed the troops before they embarked, and the Compagnie Messageries Maritimes held a reception on board for the officers.

In a short speech to the departing troops, General Olry recalled that the Senegal troops conducted themselves with heroism in the World War and declared that France had the greatest faith in them.—Trans-Ocean.

IRUN ESPIONAGE CASE INQUIRY

London, Yesterday.

Mr. Owen O'Malley, British Chargé d'Affairs at St. Jean de Luz, who is to conduct the inquiry into all the circumstances connected with the charges brought by the Spanish Nationalist authorities of improper conduct by British officials, employees and others at St. Jean de Luz and St. Sebastian or Burgos, is leaving London this morning and will reach St. Jean de Luz on Sunday.

Sir Wasey Sterry, who is the judicial member of the inquiry, will leave London early next week.

Mr. O'Malley and Sir Wasey have already had a preliminary meeting in London, and the inquiry will begin at the earliest possible moment after their arrival at St. Jean de Luz.

The other member, Mr. C. Jerram, Acting British Agent at Burgos, will proceed to St. Jean de Luz during the week end.

At the time when information was first received concerning the incident of the official mail bag, Ernest Golding, the British Pro-Consul, who is now under arrest, was in France. As soon as he heard of the matter he returned to Spain.—British Wireless.

The appointment of Mr. Charles Raymond Stoddart to be 2nd Lieutenant (Reserve of Officers) in the H.K.V.D.C. was announced in the "Government Gazette" yesterday. Mr. Stoddart also holds the rank of Lieutenant, Royal Australian Infantry (Militia).

RECRUITING CAMPAIGN FOR VOLUNTARY REGISTER

London, Yesterday.

The Lord Mayor will preside at a National Service Rally in the Royal Albert Hall on January 24, at which Sir John Anderson (the Lord Privy Seal), Mr. Ernest Brown (Minister of Labour), Mr. Herbert Morrison (Leader of the L.C.C.) and Alderman C. W. Key (Chairman of the Metropolitan Boroughs Standing Joint Committee) will speak.

The Rally will be one of the opening events in the recruiting campaign for voluntary national service organisations announced by the Lord Privy Seal in Parliament before Christmas.—British Wireless.

NAZI PRAISE OF MR. MONTAGU NORMAN

LONDON, YESTERDAY.

A FEATURE OF THE VISIT TO BERLIN OF MR. MONTAGU NORMAN, GOVERNOR OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND, HAS BEEN THE FRIENDLY ARTICLES ABOUT HIM IN THE GERMAN NEWSPAPERS.

Mr. Norman, who was the guest of Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, the Reichsbank President, has left for Basle to attend the meeting of the Bank of International Settlements.

His visit to Berlin has had a favourable effect on the Berlin Bourse.—Trans-Ocean.

COLONEL BECK BANQUETTED IN MUNICH

Munich, Yesterday.

The Polish Foreign Minister, Colonel Beck, and the German Minister, von Ribbentrop, met on Friday afternoon at the Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten for a discussion on which no communique has been issued. In the evening, von Ribbentrop gave a banquet in honour of Colonel Beck, the guests including the Polish Ambassador, M. Lipski, the Bavarian Governor-General, von Epp, the German Ambassador to Warsaw, von Moltke, and numerous other Polish and German diplomats and politicians.—Trans-Ocean.

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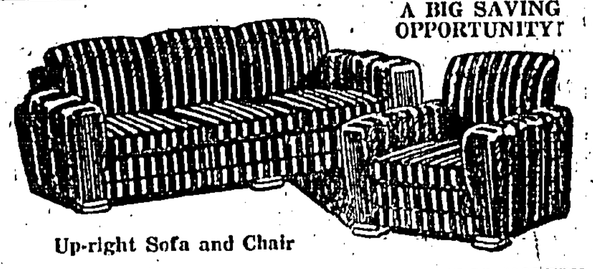

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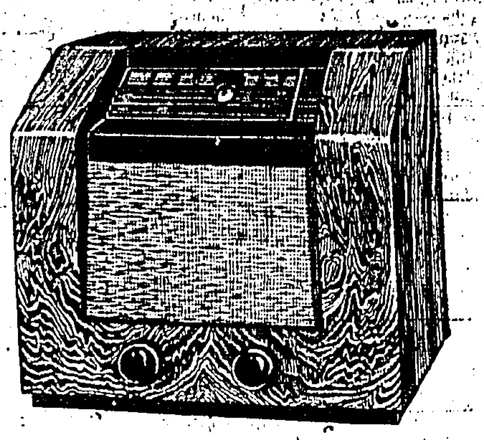

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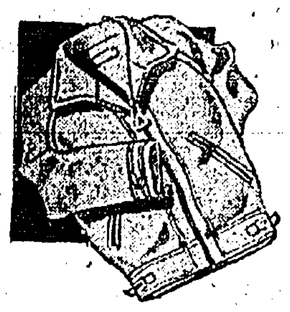

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Bringing Up Father

By George McManus

Laureen Clemo and Coralie Wolfe as they appear in the "Sleeping Beauty," which will shortly be produced by George Goncharoff, Hong Kong's one and only ballet master.

FOUR HUNDRED GUESTS EVICTED FROM LOCAL HOTEL

MANY FORCED TO STAY NIGHT IN STREET

Sudden closing down of a flourishing hotel business, and the mass eviction of the entire residential population numbering over four hundred, was the unique spectacle witnessed in Des Voeux Road Central this week.

The hotel concerned was the Tai Law Sin Hotel, occupying the four floors of No. 90, Des Voeux Road Central, close to the old Central Market, and the guests in the hotel, which was full to overflowing, were obliged to leave almost at a minute's notice, though they had been previously warned of the possibility.

For many hours, the goods of the hotel and the personal property of the guests were strewn along the footpath.

Many of the guests had no alternative accommodation and were unable to find any, and were obliged to pass the night in the streets.

Now the majority have taken rooms in other boarding houses or hotels, or have squeezed more tightly already overcrowded tenement blocks.

Much confusion and excitement occurred in the hotel when the final announcement was made that they would have to leave, but the mass eviction passed without serious incident.

200 UNEMPLOYED

More than 200 employees of the hotel have been renedered unemployed by the closure, it is learned.

The "Sunday Herald" was informed by the management that the Tai Law Sin Hotel opened in 1932 and had never been in arrears. Business had been almost consistently good and, naturally, in the last eighteen months had been extraordinarily good.

The management were given three months' notice to quit in June, but stayed on. At the end of November they were told they would have to leave at the end of December, but apparently believed that the eviction order would not be summarily enforced.

OWNER'S PURPOSE

It is understood that the owner desired possession in order to establish a modern restaurant and hotel in the premises. Workmen are now engaged in renovations and structural alterations.

New Year's Eve at the Kowloon Cricket Club. (Left to right) Mr. A. T. Lee, Mrs. Stephens, Mr. N. A. E. Mackay, Miss Nellie Markham, Mr. J. L. Stephens, Mrs. E. C. Fincher, and Mr. Robert Lee.

Shot Drug King Lived Like Chinese Mandarin

SILKS, PARROTS, CHOWS

New York, Yesterday.

Amazing stories are coming to light as G-men probe the Jekyll-and-Hyde life of F. Donald Coster, alias ex-convict Philip Musica, the man who could change everything except his finger-prints.

Coster—pillar of Wall-street and revered president of the great American drug firm of McKesson and Robbins, Inc.—shot himself dead in his palatial home at Fairfield, Connecticut.

Investigations into charges that £4,000,000 of the firm's £17,000,000 assets had vanished revealed—through Coster's finger-prints—that he was Philip Musica, leading figure in a notorious £400,000 fraud of 25 years ago, known as the "human hair" swindle.

Other leading members of the drug firm were revealed as Musica's three brothers, each using a different name.

LURE OF JACKPOTS

All four lived in the most extravagant style.

Donald lived in his palatial home like a Chinese mandarin, wrapped in silks and satins.

With a parrot perched on his shoulder he would spend hours watching rare fish in glass tanks.

The rooms were illuminated from bulbs placed in the mouths of ornaments shaped like crocodiles and gargoyles.

The basement was full of slot machines, where Donald, always a gambler, tried to win the jackpot.

He had his yacht, his limousines, and his special kennels for a score of Chow dogs—the word "Chow" was used by him as a code for drug.

His brothers lived similarly. Yet it is doubtful whether a cent. that paid for all these things was made honestly.

The investigators have discovered that even the money Coster used to buy his control of McKesson and Robbins was made by illegal traffic in alcohol when he was supposed to be a rising hair-tonic business man.

The more they investigated the more astonishing the hypocrisy of the man became.

Only a year ago he sponsored a "fairplay in business' tour by Congressman Wright Patman, of Texas.

Only six weeks ago he made a sanctimonious address in New York, urging ethical standards.

INQUIRY SPOTLIGHT

Federal investigators, co-ordinating all phases of the inquiry into the drug firm's affairs, are to meet in New York to lay bare Coster's whole fantastic history.

His wholesale gun-running to South America is already proved, according to the Government.

Now the Federal spotlight is to be turned on allegations regarding:

Bootlegging, which enabled him to snowball £400 into £100,000 in four years;

Looting of £3,600,000 from the funds of the 105-years-old drug firm; and his

Follow-conspirators, apart from his brothers, who helped him to emerge as a pillar of Wall-street with a new name from the shadows of the gaol.

Coster's wife, a plump brunette, is under police guard anxious to prove she knew nothing of the brothers' history until the last moment.

LONDON SILVER MARKET

London, Yesterday.

London silver prices to-day were down 3/16 as follows: —

	Jan. 6.	Jan. 7.
Spot	20-1/2	20-5/16
Forward	20-1/8	19-15/16

—*Our Own Correspondent.*

UNIVERSITY UNION DANCE SUCCESS

Winding up a day of charitable activity, the dance organised by the Hong Kong University Union Chinese Medical Relief Association was an outstanding success from every point of view.

About 150 couples danced to the strains of a band from the Hong Kong Hotel and undergraduates and their guests, continued their merrymaking until a late hour.

Among the many distinguished guests were the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. D. J. Sloss, Mrs. Sloss, and the heads of the various faculties and their wives.

During yesterday, women undergraduates and volunteer flag-sellers from Lingnan University and various schools sold flags and the total proceeds will be devoted to the relief of wounded soldiers in China and refugees in the New Territories.

CHINESE GOING BACK TO CANTON SLOWLY

Canton, Yesterday.

The Japanese attempt to bring back the population by the recently inaugurated Canton-Macao steamship service, is meeting with some success, each vessel bring about 60 Chinese.

According to the vernacular newspapers the vessels are maintaining a thrice weekly service.

Chinese returning to Canton this morning stated that they were well treated on board the steamer and there was no discrimination. — Reuter.

ANOTHER VICTIM OF CLAN SHOOTING

Wong Ching, aged 41, who was wounded on Thursday night by clansmen following a debt dispute, died in the Kowloon Hospital yesterday evening.

On Thursday night, Wong Ching, who was living in a matshed near the Manchilung Gap, near Shatin, with his wife and 11-year-old-son, was visited by two clansmen from Kak Tin Village.

A dispute ensued, following which the clansmen are alleged to have shot man and wife and stabbed the boy.

The wife was found dead when the police arrived, and the man and boy were removed to the Kowloon Hospital.

No arrests have yet been made.

Mr. R. Edwards, second Magistrate at the Central Magistracy, returned to the Colony on Friday after a short vacation in Shanghai.

Mr. R. C. Honniball, of the Linotype and Machinery Ltd., returned in the s.s. Chitral, after a business trip to Shanghai and Japan.

CHINESE POTTERS' ART IN A CHELSEA HOME

London, Yesterday.

Describing themselves as Co-operators in ceramics, artist husband and wife, Charles and Nell Vyse, claim to have discovered secret processes lost for centuries, which made Chinese pottery world famous.

They can reproduce the wonderful colour effects of the ancient Chun pottery dating from the best period of Chinese art.

But where the Chinese needed a whole hillside for a series of kilns, Mr. and Mrs. Vyse have a special gas kiln in their Chelsea home, and regularly leave it "cooking" while they go to a football match on Saturday afternoons.

Old methods in imitation of the Chinese involved too many failures.

With the latest gas kiln he has evolved in collaboration with London gas engineers, Mr. Vyse believes he has reduced the firing to a scientific basis.

Mr. Vyse showed me his modern Chun ware, with lovely blue and purple glazes, when I visited the husband and wife exhibition at Walker's Galleries.

"I could easily fake some of the old stuff, if I liked," he confessed; but, in fact, these modern pieces are signed with his own name.

Mr. Vyse is descended from a long line of Staffordshire potters. Although Mrs. Vyse's family has not the pottery tradition, husband and wife work together. Mrs. Vyse is the chemist, while Mr. Vyse, who was trained as a sculptor, is in charge of the decoration.

Strange ingredients provide the glazes for many of the pieces at their exhibition. They include ash of rose trees and wild cherries.—Our Own Correspondent.

Sister Of Mdivani Princess Dead

Paris, Yesterday.

Beautiful Jose Maria Sert, wife of the well-known Spanish portrait painter and sister of the three romantic Mdivani princes, has died in a clinic at Lausanne.

She had never recovered fully from the shock of the death of her favourite brother, Prince Alexis, former husband of the Countess Haugwitz-Reventlow (Barbara Hutton) in a motor accident in Spain three years ago.

He was the baby of the family, and she brought him up in Paris after the death of his mother when he was quite young.

It was at her old pirate castle at Palamos, on the coast near Barcelona, that he was staying just before his death.

TURNED WHITE

Overcome with grief, Mme. Sert hovered for days between life and death. Her blonde hair turned to white and ever after her face showed traces of suffering.

She was only thirty-six. In Paris, London and New York she was famous for her beauty.

Latterly, she had spent much time in Switzerland, for her husband had been painting mural frescoes for the conference room of the League of Nations Palace at Geneva.

At her bedside when she died were her husband, her brother-in-law, Denis Conan Doyle, eldest son of the author, and a close friend, Mlle. Chanel, daughter of the perfumer.

Her only surviving brother, Prince David, was summoned by cable from California when she fell ill, but arrived too late.

SLEEPING BEAUTY NEXT MONTH

ANNOUNCEMENT THAT MR. GEORGE GONCHAROFF WILL SHORTLY PRODUCE A CHOREOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION OF THE FANTASY OF "THE SLEEPING BEAUTY," HAS AROUSED MUCH INTEREST IN LOCAL DANCING CIRCLES.

The story lends itself admirably to beautiful stage decorations and also gives more scope for the "little ones" of the school to display their capabilities.

Coralie Wolfe will have the role of Prince Charming, and Laureen Clemo that of Sleeping Beauty. Among many others taking part in the production will be Peggy Scotcher, Ellen Ford, Peter Randolph, Pat Pascoe and Zena Mancell.

The music will include the march from the opera, "Love for Three Oranges."

Mr. Goncharoff plans to stage the show on February 2.

NO TRACE OF MISSING SCOTSMAN

No trace has yet been found of Charles Christian, the 60-year-old chief engineer of s.s. Deslock who left the ship at 3 a.m. on Wednesday and has not since been seen.

Mr. H. F. Phillips arrived in the Colony by the s.s. Taiping from Australia recently. He will be connected with the Kowloon branch of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

CHUNGKING AIR RAID ALARM

CHUNGKING, YESTERDAY.

THE AIR RAID ALARM WAS SOUNDED HERE AT 11.45 THIS MORNING ON A REPORT THAT 24 JAPANESE PLANES WERE SIGHTED FLYING OVER THE YANGTSE IN THE DIRECTION OF CHUNGKING.

Shortly afterwards Chinese pursuit planes took to the air.

The Japanese planes, however, are reported to have turned back on account of bad weather after reaching Fengtu, on the Yangtse, midway between Wanhsien and Chungking.

The all clear was sounded at 2 o'clock.—Reuter.

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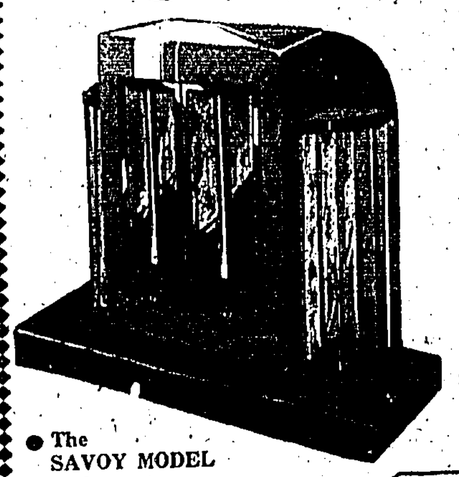

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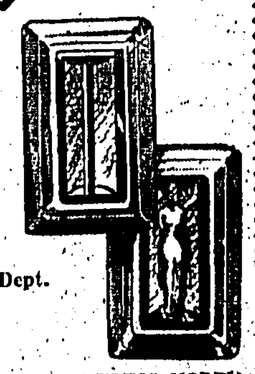

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LITTLE NOTES of Great Importance

by Esther

"I'll be loving you always,"—seems to be fashion's feeling for the knitted suit, and knitted suits, reciprocating this sentiment, are as fascinating as ever to keep fashion's fondness. At *MRS. WILLY'S*, Room 334, Wang Hing Building, there is a 3-piece ensemble in navy, with sky blue jumper which is bound to win you over. It boasts a short-sleeved bolero, with inverted commas in royal blue, sky blue and white, embroidered round the edge. Make this your loyal stand-by for informal or semi-formal occasions, but don't overlook a bottle green and grey knubbly mixture which is as new as it is interesting. A jade green scarf and pocket handkerchief give plenty of dash to another conceited model in beige with long sleeves. Newest arrivals are capes in brown shaved lamb, stonemarten, mink-marmot, plucked Kolinsky and dyed Ermine. The one in Mink-Marmot manages to look distinctly different by having a shawl collar and Bishop sleeves, and the plucked Kolinsky introduces a long and pointed back.

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Self-conscious people, who grin sickeningly into cameras, need no longer endure hours of tedious posing. Not at any rate while Mr. V. Vlira, formerly of Bann's Studio in Shanghai, is part of the furniture and fittings of *TONOFF'S STUDIO*, 1 Middle Road, Kowloon. For he will allow the sitter to talk, smoke and break into at least one spontaneous smile, and before you are aware of it, the job is done! A job, we must say, that needs no apologies; no shining silver frames to improve its appearance. There are no blinking, bewildered expressions recorded, because you sit in splendid calm, quite oblivious that a camera is at hand, and above all no one asks you to look enthusiastic about an imaginary little "birdie." So all you with a picture problem, take it to the address given. They make short work of problems. And between ourselves, their prices are more reasonable than most!

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January sales are getting into their stride. To-day there is hardly a shop which is not lowering its prices in an attempt to clear the decks for action on new stocks. Latest sale announcements include the Ladies' Salon of *LANE, CRAWFORD'S* where a 20 per cent. reduction will apply to all stocks and some pretty drastic reductions are to be made on special lines. The latter are items selected from the Underwear and Shoe departments, and will include many of Gossard's two-way stretch panties, girdles, and hook-arounds with front lacing; brassieres, vests and knickers in wool or silk; satin evening shoes with gold and silver kid trimming; "Court" shoes with fancy perforations, pump style; Oxford sandals with Cuban heels, dressy shoes in suede with bronze kid trimming, high-heeled Oxfords and many, many others. Whether you prefer British "Manfield," Swiss "Bally's", or American made shoes, you'll find something here to suit you down to the ground. Sale commences to-morrow.

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The only tube tester which can efficiently test all makes of radio tubes in the Colony, may be run to earth in the *VICTORIA RADIO SHOPPE*, Hankow Road, Kowloon. It is only one small point to prove what we have already said before—that this shop is the most complete and up-to-date servicing station in town. No matter what the make of your radio, they claim they can fix it—a claim which any one of their satisfied clients will willingly bear out. And besides repairing radios, the *VICTORIA RADIO SHOPPE* also sell them. Right now, they have in stock a group of Zenith models (for local reception only) which will provide the ideal compliment to the furnishing scheme of your home. These sets come in many attractive colours, and are quite low-priced. The 1939 editions of the Telefunken are also in, and the *VICTORIA RADIO SHOPPE* invite your inspection at any time.

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EUNICE in the Peninsula Hotel Arcade has four stunning creations which we think you ought to see. These latest frocks, designed and executed in the traditional Costides manner, are proud beauties which scorn the help of fancy trimmings to make them what they are. The first is a virgin taffeta, with innocent blue-eyed forget-me-nots adorning the shoulder straps and bust, and except for a gigantic bow placed low in the back of the waistline, it is entirely free of all artfulness which seems to stamp the frock of the decollete school. The second is a lavender chiffon with one of the widest honeycombed waistlines in existence, and a skirt that spreads for yards around. The other two are meant for daylight occasions, and are as different in design as they are in texture, though both would look equally well together at a tea. Green marocain fashions one, while lavender wool makes the other.

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Have you noticed with what irritating frequency children are apt to catch cold in all weathers? What's a mere cold after all, you say? A trifle, perhaps, but it is answerable for many illnesses. For instance, it induces or contributes to pneumonia, bronchitis, pulmonary tuberculosis, and several other maladies of a serious character. You see, a sudden chill impairs vitality and renders the victim susceptible to disease generally. Put that way it sounds a little more serious, doesn't it? So if we were you and had any kiddies to mind, we'd guard sedulously against colds by keeping a bottle of WATSON'S No. 35 Cough Syrup in the house. After all, an ounce of prevention is worth a ton of cure, you know, so if you've got 20 cents to spare, invest it in a bottle of *WATSON'S* No. 35 Cough Syrup for Children to-day . . . . sorry, we mean to-morrow, when *WATSON'S* open for business in the usual way.

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Thursday, the 12th instant, will mark the beginning of a price slashing sale at *PAUL RENNET ET CIE* in Nathan Road. We are promised that everything will be greatly reduced, and judging from past sales we are inclined to look forward to this day with great enthusiasm. It might also be mentioned that there was a time when this shop went in for imported frocks on a grand scale. The idea while proving a popular one, was somehow a little less popular than the frocks which were designed and made-up in the shop itself. Apart from the great attraction of a lower price, they were preferred for their tailored smartness and ability to wear longer than the custom made frocks. So now it has been decided to let the tailoring department take the stage, and as only one small point to prove that they are stepping in the right direction, we point to an exquisitely simple formal gown in black chiffon velvet, with bust length shirred bodice with which many a quick change can be made by the use of various accessories.

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New frocks have arrived at *JOAN'S*, and against a background of silver and black, you'll see many of your pet ideas incorporated into frocks of which you will heartily approve. There is a black afternoon crepe, with burgundy blouse top which should make your sister or friends green-eyed with envy. The two colours are stunning together, and the whole appearance is further enhanced by the addition of a slick bolero with burgundy floral design appliqued on both shoulders. Stately and aloof is another black semi-formal in ribbed rayon which defies description. All the interest is centred on line, and it certainly does something to your "line" sense. A bolero—like no other bolero—comes with a back taffeta formal. It fastens waistcoat style and hides a brief bodice, gathered and sculptured. We're not trying to recruit a regiment of "little black ladies," but we'd love to see you sometime, in any one of these frocks. Next to the Star Threatre in Hankow Road.

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Un Gentilhomme De Fortune

COUNT Hilaire du Berrier is one of those gay soldiers-of-fortune whose career reads like an Orczy novel. Slim, dark, elegant to the point of foppishness, Du Berrier's film star profile, sensitive, long white fingers belie steel nerves and a zest for tight corners worthy of a demmed elusive pimpernel. Son of a French aristocrat who gratified a romantic passion for Red Indians and Cowboys by emigrating to Dakota, he was born in an Indian reservation; lived his boyhood in a one-horse town the chief trade of which was selling stray dogs to the Braves. "It still is," said the Count, "though corned beef has made a hole in the profits."

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HE'S immensely pleased when anyone calls him an adventurer. "That's halfway point between a firing squad and a throne; among Princes adventurer is a title, only among peasants is it an insult," he told us. "Napoleon said: 'Up to Grenoble I was an adventurer, after Grenoble I was Emperor,'" we quoted. "Exactly," said the Count. "Contrary to the claims of a young lady of Shanghai, mine is really the world's oldest profession, and a nobler one than diplomacy. Besides, I found it about the only thing I could get into without having to join a union," he added with a smile.

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"JUST how did you get into it?" we enquired. "Family traditions; running across the world to wherever fighting is has been a habit of the Du Berrier's since the Crusades. After the battle of Wagram, when great-grandfather was about to have his leg amputated, the doctors wanted to give him something to kill the pain, but he wasn't having any. He said, after thinking for a moment: 'No, the Emperor wouldn't like that. Just give me some artillery harness to put between my teeth and a sabre hilt to get a grip on, and I'll be alright.' You can't expect a man with a great-grandad like that, to catch the nine o'clock ferry every morning. My father was the only Du Berrier to degenerate. He worked. In Hong Kong they would have called him a taipan."

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DU Berrier began his ancestral quest for trouble by offering his services to Haile Selassie. A brilliant pilot who had distinguished himself by some hair-brained stunts in America, he begged the Emperor to allow himself and De Witt, another pilot and soldier of fortune, to bomb the Italian concentration at the port of Massawa. "There were five Fokkers, so ancient that it was crazy to fly them, but we were willing to take a chance. The Emperor refused because at that time he still hoped that the League of Nations would stand by Ethiopia. 'If blacks bomb whites, Geneva will be angry,' he told me."

Centre, Count Hilaire du Berrier. His companions, pilots in the Spanish Government air force, were both killed in action.

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"WE did nothing in Addis Ababa. However, it was fun standing on the Imperial balcony of the Grand Guebi and watching the little Emperor send his armies out while my boy Sulieman pinched His Excellency's chickens for my supper. Then there was the time I tried to make myself King of Gondar. It was May and I figured out that the rains would make it impossible for the Italians to arrive before September. That gave me four months' reign, just long enough to clean up." He sighed: "I had all the right officials lined up, when the Emperor abdicated, and we had to leave Addis Ababa."

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THE Count hung around Djibouti. "Decayed boats fall to pieces along the beach. Waves wash in and out through the ribs of a rotting Arab dhow in the shallows, and as you sit there, hour after hour, watching the water line go up and down those ribs between the high point and the low, you unconsciously wonder if you could make the damm thing float before the fever finishes you off." Bored with overmuch sitting, Du Berrier hooked up with a Sherif from Yemen. The Iman was building up an army of sorts and Du Berrier, sniffing adventure, trotted off to Hodeidah, where he kissed the Koran, became a Mohammedan, and went to work on the Iman's army. "In Yemen you walk on sand. You breathe sand, eat sand, drink sand, see sand, dream sand. I was getting on fine, had almost forgotten the taste of ice and what a woman's face looked like, when a military mission of Italians came in to work for nothing and I found that I was going to get my pay in Paradise."

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AFTER Yemen, the Count joined the Spanish Republican Air Force, got into a dogfight, came out victorious, but with a damaged tail that caused him to crash a little later.

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CONVALESCING in Paris, he hit on the idea of flying for the Chinese and came out. Unfortunately, an inspired whisper in a high official's ear gave rise to the rumour that Du Berrier was a Japanese spy and he was unable to put his plan into effect. "The story which was pure hashish," the Count told us, "followed me down to Hong Kong. An imposing looking gentleman used to sit in the lounge of the Hong Kong Hotel and point me out to his friends, knowingly adding: 'Look out for that fellow over there; he's a notorious Japanese agent." Actually, Du Berrier lives with a pet minah, writes poetry and adventure stories, and is sentimental enough to take his pet on a trip to Borneo, when that bird developed a cold.

The Count whose present pied a terre is a snug little bachelor flat in the urban calm of Kowloon, says that being a soldier of fortune is not all that the writers of adventure stories crack it up to be. "I'll tell you something about his life as it really is, if you care to listen?" he offered. "Fire ahead," we said.

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"FIRST," said the Count, "it's learning to speak ten languages and saying: 'I am happy in Hong. Secondly, it's having every meal come as a pleasant surprise—the life of a soldier of fortune is full of dangers, chief of which is starvation. Thirdly, it's existing in a loneliness that eats your heart out; in time you become brave, because living looks just as lousy as dying. Lastly, it's ending up in cursed little ports of heat with fever and a beard and ragged shoes and no money, still telling yourself the next show is going to be the big one."

"WHY not catch the ferry?" "Because," said the Count, meditatively sipping an absinthe, "because if you are a poet in a world of grocers you become a soldier-of-fortune, not because you want to, but because a malicious God has put a curse on you and there isn't anything else to do. You remain one because you eventually reach a state of mind where anything that happens will be a change for the better. The end is always some port that you can't get out of, in a room that you can't pay the rent on, looking at a book of clippings and a couple of medals and using 'Black Flag' for talcum powder."

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"I used to think adventure was being a dashing young man with a grin on his face who rode through life, singing a song and throwing a sword in the air. I thought it was following armies into captured towns and looking on workaday men like a Crusader looking at a peasant. I thought it was whispers and moonlight and green palms and blue seas and dark places; promises and one woman whose eyes would sparkle like the flash of sunlight on bayonets." He yawned: "Adventure is waiting in some God-awful land for a Negro or a Rumanian or a Chinese to get ready to see you and then waiting for your contract or your pay or a battle or a chance to get out."

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"HOW about the prize money?" we asked. "How about it?" echoed the Count. "I'll tell you. The one thing in a war you never experience is the joy of sacking a captured town, of marching in with the drums rolling and the tanks roaring up and down the streets, because if there's a chance of capturing any towns they won't be hiring you. Your only part along that line will be taking a last look at some place you've become attached to and smashing everything you can't take with you before you pull out. Every town you leave that way you will look back at and remark that it never looked beautiful before and you will never get a chance to look at it again. In a few days the retreat will become a rout, and when the show is over you will never dare to come back. Your fortunes are like a piece of paper soaring in the wind and when the wind drops it flutters back to earth again."

A recent portrait by Bann's Studio of Mrs. Grasett, wife of Major General A. E. Grasett the new General Officer Commanding the British Troops in China. (Bann's Studio).

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"BEAUTIFUL women hang on your every word," we ventured. The Count smiled cynically. "Don't let anyone tell you women are romantic and to be won by the stories you bring back from far places. Security is the only state adventurers never know, and that is the only one women want to live in. Wandering over the world's face and fighting for strange Princes may be fun, but to them an Austin seven and a radio; a garden and a house with two bathrooms, a seat in the dress circle at the movies is better. You meet a lovely lady on the boat. After months in Abyssinia and Somaliland and Yemen your heart is hungry and that woman tosses a hand-grenade in your scheme of things. To change her annexation from de facto to de jure you ask her to marry you."

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"IT'S time to be serious now. No more flying out in bombers to shake the night up like a cocktail, or running across the map for the hell of it. You are going to get married and have a little boy and play with electric trains. It's going to make you dull and narrow of vision. It's the road that leads to a job in an office and a home in a house like all the houses in the street, but it's worth it for that woman." He laughed gaily, — "And you know what she says? She says: "Marry you, Hal? I wouldn't marry you if you were the last man on earth, but I'll tell you what I'll do. I shall go to Bucharest and Vienna with you." Arm in arm, you lean over a ship's side and watch Istanbul disappearing in the distance."

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"THERE is sunlight on the water and sunlight on the minarets. There must be a million minarets all straight and white and slender, graceful in the light and pointing straight to the heart of Allah. Life is all poetry and colour and one woman and many minarets. Your heart feels as if it had just taken a bath and become clean again, like the Caaba stone on the day of Judgment. Eventually a day comes when the end of your money is in sight again, and the lovely lady of a little while blows a kiss from a train window and then the train pulls out. You wander back to a hotel room suddenly empty. From it you go to coffee house gone all empty too. Life has become like an evacuated town. The lady marries a lawyer. A revolution starts in Spain and you sew her handkerchief in your helmet and pack your bag. The first side won't have you because Italians are running the show and they have your name on the black list from Abyssinia, so you shrug your shoulders and join the other." The Count relapsed into reverie. "And then?" we asked softly. He shrugged his shoulders: "Until he becomes a victorious general, a soldier-of-fortune is at best a military prostitute, and today the profession is overcrowded."

Further reductions are to be made on *DOLLY VARDEN'S* stock next week, and sports coats formerly earmarked at $98 will go for $38! Evening dresses, too, have come under the hammer and you can now buy many a lovely model for $19.50. In the coat department we advocate a neat looking creation in brown, flecked with beige and purple, which goes in for a good deal of tailored stitching on lapels and belt, and for those who like their coats swagger, we recommend a grey woollen with Peter Pan collar. In the department for evening dresses we fell head over heels in love with a yellow satin, built on the Empire plan; a black dinner gown of crepe with deep V neck and bodice studded with synthetic rubies; a pale blue taffeta etched all over with silver flowers, and a royal blue dinner gown of chiffon velvet, with the new semi-triangular neck clasped with a gold metal bow, and featuring appliqued flowers in gold kid on the sleeves. Stunning creations every one, and most amazingly budgeted.

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EXCELLA in 188 Nathan Road has just received a wealth of afternoon, day and evening frocks which should make you pretty restless to possess one or several of them one way or another. Taking them by and large, we would say that these recent arrivals have it all over the last batch—if that is possible. The princely ornaments which seem to come with all their afternoon models, threatens to become a tradition of this shop. Very often we have been tempted to buy a frock for the ornament, but more often we are just "crazee" about both. More hooped charmers came with the parcel marked "strictly formal," and if you hope to be among the first to look them over, we urge you to go the first thing Monday morning. Between ourselves, Excella expect a run on these models. The day-time woollens have lots of flair and saucy good looks, and should prove popular with the stenographer and wife alike. Handbags—before we forget—will be offered at half-price next week.

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The Italian Threat To France

The Danger For Europe As Seen By Yvon Delbos, Former French Foreign Minister

THE claims put forward by Italy, in the form of prestaged outcries in a parliament which has now been dissolved, followed by street demonstrations also pre-arranged, and by a press campaign of vituperation, have, in reason of their excessive character, immediately brought about unanimity in France. This was correctly interpreted by M. Georges Bonnet, when he declared, before the Foreign Affairs Commission of the Palais Bourbon, that not only would France never cede one inch of her territory or dependencies and that any attempt of this kind would merely lead to an armed conflict, but that any negotiation between France and Italy would be impossible so long as such methods were in vogue on the other side of the Alps. The Corsican and Tunisian populations, for their part, gave a magnificent demonstration of their attachment to the mother country. There can therefore be no doubt as to the artificial character of this pseudo-irredentism. The younger French generation has in many cases seized upon it as a subject for derision rather than taking it tragically. This was, without doubt, the best possible reply to the allegation of the Fascist press that France was shaking in her shoes. They are well aware that France has no lessons of courage to receive from her and that she is in no wise intimidated by these provocations. But this is not the problem. The whole question lies in the potential development of the diplomatic manoeuvre thus engaged, in the danger it may imply for the balance and peace of Europe.

Nothing, in France's attitude, can justify this manoeuvre. The official recriminations of Italy—often too blatantly approved even in France—are no longer founded. The French Government has sent an ambassador to Rome and has recognised the Conquest of Abyssinia, without asking for anything in return. Numerous papers have drawn attention to this initiative whilst reproving the attitude of the former ministries who did not see their way to doing the same. But none, among those who then acted in their name, has formulated the slightest criticism. Everyone sincerely hoped for the success of the enterprise, in the interest of peace and of our friendship for the Italian people, whatever its system of Government. But the extremely cool reception accorded to Mr. Francois-Poncet, the renewal of the anti-French campaign, finally the outcries and recriminations heralded by the Roman parliament in the presence of our ambassador have shewn how little this concession was valued. The Italian Government, instead of regarding this as an act of pacification, attempted to cast the match into the power-barrel. Whatever bitter reflections this may inspire, this very strange attitude has at least had the advantage of arousing French public opinion, too often hypnotized by those who preached the gospel of fascism against their own country whilst concealing its veritable aims and ambitions.

The total absence of legitimate grounds of complaint, of historical or geographical justification prove that the fascist claims are merely a manoeuvre designed to disturb international relations and to profit by the result for imperialistic purposes. It is the application of a policy which has served Germany only too well. It consists in threatening war in charging for peace at the highest possible price.

With this reservation, it is quite clear that, if the fascist Government is dissatisfied, it must look to others, itself in the first place, rather than to France. The conquest of Abyssinia and the Spanish intervention have cost considerable sacrifices and have brought her little satisfaction; the Anschluss, i.e. Germany's occupation of the Brenner, is an event of which Mussolini himself saw fit to emphasize the gravity, when he mobilised on the occasion of the murder of Dollfuss; further, the German occupation of Czechoslovakia, the intrigues in Ukraine and elsewhere have eliminated and, if successful, will continue to eliminate Italy from Central and Eastern Europe. This may be a victory for the Rome-Berlin axis, but all the gain is for the one end of the axis, the loss for the other, and Italy's satisfaction at the elimination of France and England is not sufficient compensation. It should be possible, it would seem, to save something from the wreckage, to maintain the balance of Europe. Italy prefers to renounce any efforts of this kind, and to pay herself at the expense of France.

The most obvious result of this policy is to help Germany still further to establish her domination in Europe. In fact, the more the attention of the British and French Governments is drawn to the Mediterranean, the freer the Reich will be to pursue its designs with regard to Memel, Danish Schleswig, and above all, Ukraine. This explains why, at the moment of the signature of the Franco-German declaration, the Italian claims were supported by the German press: It is neither logical nor friendly to encourage an ally to menace the French territory, whilst undertaking oneself to respect the same, and this attitude singularly reduces the values of the signature given. I do not conclude that Germany is determined to support these claims as a whole, for she has shown, in particular in the case of Poland, that she has no wish to share with others. But she wishes to fish in the troubled waters.

This is the most dangerous aspect of the fascist recriminations, for although Italy has no chance of capturing Tunisia and Corsica, Germany is in a better position to succeed in her designs on Eastern Europe. But, the day on which Germany, mistress of the Baltic, succeeds in dominating Ukraine forcibly separated from Poland and Russia and Rumania, no State in Europe will be able to oppose her. Thus the colonial problem raised by Italy will be easily settled by the Reich to its own advantage. This indirect menace, much more serious than demonstrations in its favour, should afford food for reflection to those in France and in England who imagine that they can guarantee their security and their colonial empire by leaving Germany free to conquer Europe. She has by no means renounced her colonial claims but has merely postponed them. The day of reckoning will be that on which we are no longer in a position to refuse payment.

This is why the Ukrainian problem—closely linked up with the Italian claims—is of such importance. It concerns in the first place the three countries menaced, which will have to defend themselves, for we cannot substitute ourselves for them, in particular if the Polish diplomacy persists in the errors of its bilateral policy. But if they decide to resist, as the U.S.S.R. is resolved to do, as Rumania is bravely setting the example, and if they unite their interests, neither France nor Great Britain can remain indifferent to their fate, which would involve that of Europe. It is not by tolerating an aggression in the East which would destroy the balance of Europe to their disadvantage that France and England will be able to maintain their position in the Mediterranean. Attacked directly or indirectly on two fronts, these countries must defend themselves on both to avoid a defeat on both sides.

Whilst seeking Germany's support, the Italian Government is trying to neutralise Great Britain by advances which strangely contrast with the methods applied to France. Britain public opinion is by no means deceived, for it knows that its communications would be at Italy's mercy if her designs were only partially realised. Mr. Chamberlain has moreover stated his intention to maintain the Mediterranean statu quo, guaranteed—as Rome appears to forget—by the Anglo-Italian agreement; and, at the foreign press banquet, he proclaimed the interdependence of the interests of the two western democracies. But the fascist Government is informed the Italian people of the Prime Minister's statement at the House of Commons on the absence of a definite Franco-British agreement with regard to Italy. The whole Italian press interpreted this as a declaration of neutrality. The Italian people is thus encouraged to a very dangerous enterprise; by concealing the insuperable obstacles, by persuading it that it will only encounter timid resistance on the part of France and indifference on the part of Great Britain, the Italian Government persists in its campaign. And as dictatorships depend for their existence on prestige, that of Italy—by the appetites it excites—risks to be caught in its own snare. Italy must therefore be clearly warned of the danger she is running and of the joint resolution of France and England to defend the Mediterranean as well as the Rhine. This is the best means of anticipating the erroneous deductions that may be drawn in Rome from Mr. Chamberlain's forthcoming visit. The French Government has set the example, by recalling and endorsing the statement I made at the Chamber on December 4th, 1934, following a similar declaration by Mr. Eden. An analogous declaration by the British Government would be a valuable preparation of the Prime Minister's journey. Not that France has any doubt whatever on the subject. But the trouble is that the Italian people may not be informed of it.

It is also necessary—I say this with reference to the "Times" article advising France to make certain concessions—to make Italy understand that negotiations cannot be pursued in such an atmosphere, that her Government is mistaken if it thinks that its extravagant demands will involve concessions on other points. It is not thus that this Government can hide the fact that it has no claim on Djibouti or Suez and that, if certain agreements concerning Tunisia have not yet been carried out, it is Italy's fault, not that of France, who has kept her engagements. It shows, on the contrary, the danger of a policy of concessions when interpreted as a sign of weakness. It recalls to France and also Great Britain the danger of granting the right of a belligerent to General Franco, without the fulfilment of the prior conditions. This would amount to assuring the latter with the aid of Italy a victory which France well knows would be exploited against her. One can hardly believe one's ears, when one hears Italy asking France to help her to occupy the Pyrenees and the Balearic islands at the very moment when her leaders are claiming Tunisia and Corsica.

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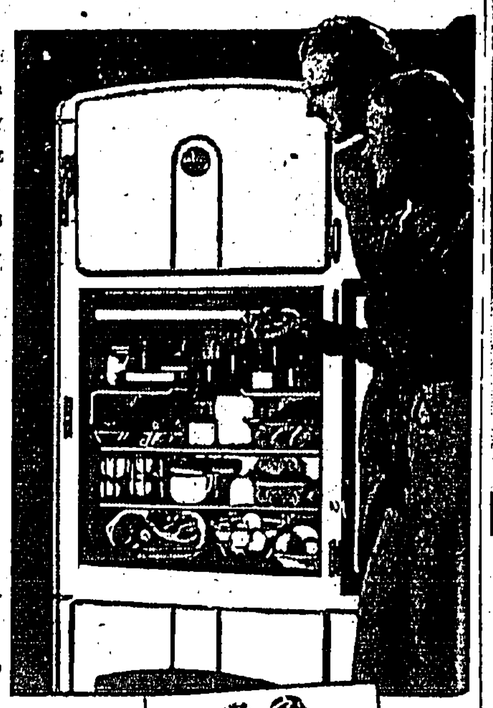

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The Fight On

PRESIDENT Roosevelt's fighting address to the United States Congress expressed sentiments not the less welcome because they were in the humour for which we have looked so long in vain to the leaders of democracy in Europe.

Coming at such a time and in such a place, moreover, the speech carries especial significance. President Roosevelt not only made himself the spokesman of those fundamental ideals which unite the two great English-speaking democracies in general faith and purpose. Astute as America's Chief Executive is in guaging public opinion, the extent to which popular sentiment in the United States has been affected by recent events in Europe and the Far East was also plainly interpreted, in the hint of modifications of the Neutrality Act which, as President Roosevelt said, has in several instances had the effect of "operating to the prejudice of the victim of an aggressor."

No such suggestion would have been possible in the American legislature three years ago, when Congress first adopted its new principles of neutrality.

The Act of 1935, provoked by Italian policy in Abyssinia and the fear of a consequent European conflagration, expressed simply the desire of America to keep out of any war.

That desire was more substantially affirmed by the second Neutrality Act of 1937, passed when the Spanish civil war had endangered world peace. In this isolationist legislation, the most important feature was, of course, the automatic embargo laid upon experts of arms, munitions and implements of war to belligerent nations.

Japan's violent assault upon China, however, made clearly evident that the new type of neutrality was not as impartial in its application as it was in conception. Even applied to the Spanish civil war it operated to the detriment of the Republicans. The "cash and carry clause" had the effect of confining American war trade to the nations possessing the money, the ships and the command of the seas.

Much greater strength would attach to the Act were it amended to impose the arms embargo not upon all declared belligerents but solely on a declared aggressor, and it is a change to this end that the President clearly has in mind.

To-day, there is a real chance of securing such modification. Popular feeling in the United States has been progressively so stirred by contemplation of aggression in Abyssinia, Spain and China, by the dismemberment of Czechoslovakia and the Nazi policy of persecution of the Jews in Europe, that the end of isolationism, heralded by President Roosevelt in his Congress speech, would carry the support of the nation.

The reception of his speech should at least encourage the President in this belief. Seldom has the Capitol resounded to such applause and this has echoed through the country.

The concept of a rigidly aloof neutrality may be regarded as destroyed with the Roosevelt address, and democracy in Europe can face the future with a stauncher confidence in consequence.

"This generation of Americans has a rendezvous with Destiny," declared the President, "and if the solution is the price of preserving our liberty no formless and selfish fears can stand in the way. The democracies of the world cannot evermore let pass without effective protest acts of aggression against sister nations . . . acts which automatically undermine all of us."

The challenge of the authoritarian States to democracy is recognised as signifying a conflict, not between political ideologies, but between contradictory ways of thought and ways of living.

Thus the very survival of democracy depends, as President Roosevelt proclaims, on taking up the challenge. "If another form of government can present a united front in the attack on democracy, the attack must be met by a united democracy."

The fight for freedom is on, and the democratic peoples must, like the dictatorships, wage it not only with words, but also, if the necessity arises, with fruitful deeds.

THIS WEEK

The split in the Japanese Cabinet and the consequent resignation of Prince Konoye opens the New Year for China with a message of high encouragement. The underlying causes were obscure until the composition of the reconstituted Cabinet, under Baron Hiranuma, was announced, when the significance of the fact that Mr. Ikeda, the Konoye Finance Minister, was the only notable absentee was too plain to be missed. Except for Mr. Ikeda, the Inner Cabinet remains intact, Prince Konoye having changed portfolios with Baron Hiranuma, President of the Privy Council. Mr. Ikeda's reputation as an astute and able financier and his inability to agree with the Army junta on the methods and measures to be adopted in further prosecution of the China campaign seems to tell their own story.

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Prince Konoye's bid for peace in the last days of December and its failure to attract any Chinese leader other than the now thoroughly discredited Wang Ching-wei doubtless precipitated the Tokyo crisis, showing as it did that Prince Konoye, like Mr. Ikeda, had begun to entertain grave doubts whether the strain of another year of hostilities, coupled with indications of new pressures from outside, held out any prospect but economic disaster. The new Prime Minister is one of the leaders of the ultra-Nationalist Greater Japan group and the change in government is plainly recognised as a move towards totalitarianism, in spite of the token appointment of political party leaders to minor Cabinet posts. The vital feature of the change is Mr. Ishiwata's promotion in the Finance Ministry, taking over from his chief. The pupil is bolder than his mentor, which is not the best guarantee of stability.

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The Army put Baron Hiranuma in his proper place by warning him that his preservation of office depended upon the Army's support. That, freely interpreted, means an unfettered hand in China. At the cost of 20,000,000 yen per day.

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Strangely enough, Japan alone of the unnamed aggressor nations of the Roosevelt denunciation, failed to comment. The inferences nevertheless could no more have been misunderstood in Tokyo than they were in Berlin. London made no mistake. The "Financial News" was emboldened to exclaim that markets were Japan's Achilles Heel and that if Britain, in association with the United States, decided, (euphemistically) to reduce their imports, what could be done to stop them? This means nothing if not a striking advance in British capitalist opinion regarding events in the Far East, and when added to it there is a suggestion that we should be reprehensibly negligent if we did not take the opportunity (again in collaboration with America) of establishing an understanding with the Chinese Government, it is difficult to know whether to applaud or wax ironical.

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Signor Mussolini's anxiety to present Mr. Chamberlain with a fait accompli in Spain on his arrival on Tuesday seems unlikely to materialise, though the weight of General Franco's blow on the Catalan front has been, undoubtedly, unprecedented in the campaign. At all points, the Italian divisions have borne the burden of the savage fighting and their achievements have been hard-won, and costly. Esteba de Segres and Borjas Blanca, key points in the Barcelona defence line, have both been reduced, but the delay occasioned by the Irun "espionage" case has proved fatal to Il Duce's hopes and it is unlikely that he can do more than claim the imminent collapse of the Republicans, keeping his blind eye towards General Miaja and the counter-offensive round Madrid.

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M. Daladier's tour of Corsica, Tunis and Algiers had the desired effect. Popular demonstrations in favour of France needed so little artificial stimulus that several anti-Italian incidents occurred in Tunis, to add to bad feeling. M. Daladier's own summary of the tour may be analysed from his final speech in Algiers. In Corsica and Tunis, his speeches took a no surrender of territory tone. By the time he reached Algiers, he was able to say outright that France would not bother to discuss the matter.

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That a new European crisis is developing seems indicated by signs on several hands. Mr. Chamberlain goes to Rome hopeful, but by no means confident, despite the suggestion that he may be accompanied by international financiers! On the Hungarian frontier, a serious clash occurred on Thursday night, and although the blame has been thrust by the Hungarians on Prague, the small voice which hints that Budapest cannot hide her grief at failure to secure all of Carpatho-Ruthenia refuses to be stilled. Colonel Beck, in the meantime, has been engaged in earnest conversations at Berchtesgaden and Munich, seeking, no doubt, a clearer idea of what to say when he is shortly visited by M. Litvinoff. The general atmosphere, however, says that diplomatic peregrinations can do no more than delay a showdown.

SCRUTATOR.

Battle Of Ideas: By Laurence Housman

Have We Freedom Of Thought?

IF it is true that conscience makes us cowards in a moral sense—it is equally true, I think, that habit makes us cowards intellectually; that when our lives are deeply committed to custom whether on the physical, the intellectual, or the spiritual plane), we cease, almost surely, to be either free-doers or free-thinkers.

The mere fact that the word "free-thinker" has for the average mind a flavour of opprobrium—that there is, in this country, a general disapproval of those who avow themselves "free-thinkers" is a sure sign that the battle for freedom of opinion is not yet won; that we do not honour it as the only right attitude for all thinkers but rather fight shy of it, as though afraid of what eventually it might lead to.

We still fear the sharp driving-point of that great pacific instrument—the brain; lest it should pierce defences which it would be very inconvenient to our present habits of life and thought to throw aside lest, in a word, it should force us to become extremists—in the sense of recognising that only extreme remedies and changes will suffice to make right that which in our present social, political, or religious system is wrong.

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This disapproval of free thinking is even more marked to-day in the political than in the religious world. Where change seems most to threaten (and *some* change to be most needed) freedom of thought is in many quarters most disapproved. The greatest and most needed reforms have always been met by the greatest hostility.

If this were a world where middle-parties ("Coalition," National Governments, and such like) did no violence, or in which the average man (conventional in his opinions) did not still believe in force as a remedy, and in vindictive punishment as a cure for crime—in which religious conformity was not largely made up of those whose weekday lives are profoundly inconsistent with their Sunday professions—then one might (in such a different world) have more respect than is possible as things are, for that easy disapproval of violence and of so-called "infidelity" which only wakes to register its protest when the violence happens to be done by a minority, and the "infidelity" is merely a breaking-away from the outworn shibboleths of the past.

Such people protest far more readily against new theory than against old practice to which they have become accustomed—though of the two, old practice may be much more incompatible with the democratic or religious principles they now profess; and may have grown up out of social abuses of the past, which no one now dares to defend.

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Now, just so society produces its own criminals, largely, if not entirely, by its own shortcomings, injustices, and indifferences to grievances and inequalities which it could remedy, but has not the will to remedy—so does it produce the extremists who wish to go great lengths in the alteration of a social and economic system, by its own persistent refusal to go short lengths, or any lengths at all, for the remedying of its defects.

Those resisters to change (in a world where change is as natural as growth, and as inevitable) are the biggest body of extremists, and on the whole the most dangerous extremists whom we have to deal with; for their numbers make them powerful; and they, more than any others, are the people who cause bloody revolutions and wars.

Nothing is more stupidly extreme than a refusal to move in a world order which lives by movement, or than insistence that things temporary (the product of a set of circumstances which no longer hold good) shall be regarded as permanent.

"Put your foot down!" It sounds a fine thing to do, a brave gesture; but if you are never going to take it up again, you will never make another step forward. You will always stay where you are, a stick-in-the-mud, however impressively dictatorial and commanding your footdown attitude may be.

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I am quite sure that the free expression of opinions that seem dangerous to the existing system, social, political, or religious, is mainly due to defects in those systems—fundamental if they are bad systems, inconsistent with their principles if they are good systems.

Our main danger in the world to-day is that the two forms of belief, religious and political, which most people in this country regard as the best, Christianity and Democracy, have become timid and half-hearted in the carry-out of the principles which they profess; and the half-hearted followers of those two good aids to right living are faced to-day by two rival and hostile religions—totalitarian Nationalism and Communism—which, for all their defects, have to back them the strength of a whole-hearted following.

If there is to be a clash between half-hearted good and whole-hearted evil, the whole-hearted is likely to win.

Therefore, I hold that if, in this country, Democracy and Christianity were more true to their professions, they would have far less to fear from the rival religions which have risen up against them.

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It is the same where what is called "free thought" in matters of religion is concerned. There was a great pother during the last year because a Congress of Free-thinkers was held in this country, and a lot of foolish people who did not believe in liberty wanted the Congress to be put down, on the ground, apparently, that it was a disgrace to a Christian country for such a Congress to be held in it.

But in a country that was really and wholeheartedly Christian, and which carried its Christianity into its politics, there would be no reason to have any fear of a Free-thought conference doing any harm to Christianity.

Any harm likely to be done would be much more due to the inconsistency and weakness of those professing Christianity than to strength of any propaganda directed against it. For I personally hold that a Christian who accepts war and believes in overcoming evil by evil is further removed from the teaching of Christ than a Free-thinker who renounces war and all its abominations.

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We only put cotton-wool around things that are weak and ailing, and anyone who tries to wrap up either Democracy or Christianity in cotton-wool (to protect them, that is to say, from full and free criticism), is, by that very act, admitting that they are in a weak and unhealthy condition. It is unfortunately true that they are. Nevertheless, I do not think that cotton-wool is the right remedy,

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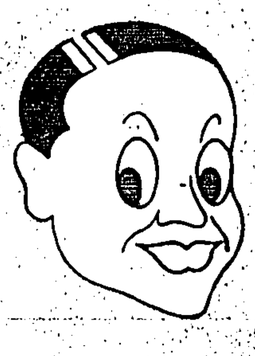

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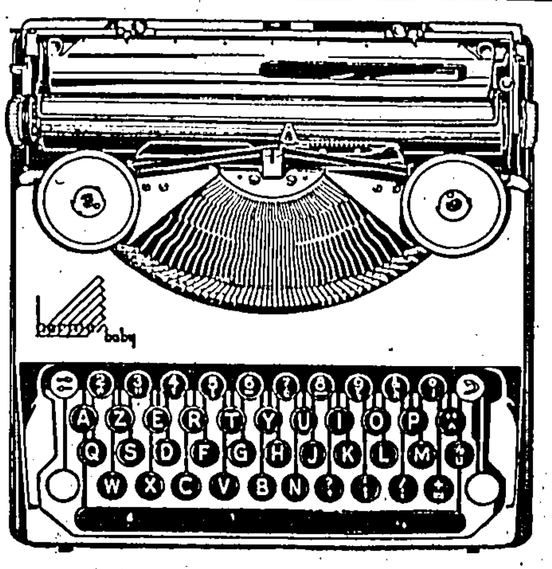

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Dramatic Rescues Of Lighthouse Keepers

After ten days of fruitless attempts at rescue, Keeper Jordain was rescued by breeches buoy from Eddystone Lighthouse, where illness and high seas had kept him a prisoner. The sick keeper was lowered to a motor launch and then got aboard the steamer Satellite, which took him to the docks, where Mrs. Jordain and a doctor were waiting. Above can be seen three members of the Satellite crew who were marooned on the base of the lighthouse. Jordain had just been lowered into the small boat on left.

Another lighthouse drama was enacted at the Longships Lighthouse, where Keeper W. J. Griffiths, who was sick and whose relief was three weeks overdue, was rescued in a gale. Above Griffiths is being carried at Sennen Cove to the village to be attended to by a doctor.

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The Week's Photography

THIS MONTH'S SUBJECT:
'ACTION PHOTOS'

"TROUBLE" by Mr. Edris.

A dramatic picture of the rescue of Keeper W. J. Griffiths from Longships Lighthouse. Mr. Griffiths had collapsed unconscious at his post, and prolonged stormy weather made it impossible to rescue him. Above, the Keeper, tied to a bowline, is shown being lowered from the lighthouse to the waiting boat.

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Sunday Herald PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

JAN.: "ACTION PHOTOS."
Entries on the month's subject should be sent to the Photographic Editor, "The Hong Kong Sunday Herald." A prize of $25.00 is awarded the best photograph of the month and $1.00 is paid for all photographs published.

Only entries accompanied by a stamped envelope will be returned to the sender. Entries may be called for any day after the 5th of the month following the competition.

By "Shutter"

TWICE during the past week amateurs have asked for information about local camera clubs and, as there may be more who are in a similar quandary, I propose to collect as much information as possible and publish it on this page. Membership of a camera club is of real value and probably the greatest benefit to be derived from it is rubbing shoulders with fellow members and comparing work. In the meantime I would be grateful if secretaries of local clubs would write in to me and give particulars of admission and membership.

The experiences of a third amateur at a local football match remind me that there are certain rules to follow when attempting to secure shots close to the field of play. Sometimes one's enthusiasm and desire to obtain an excellent picture make one as welcome as the measles, and it never should be forgotten that ninety-nine per cent. of the crowd have come to see the match and the match alone.

A knowledge of the game which is being photographed is a decided asset, and one which, unluckily, my friend did not possess. Such knowledge of course frequently enables one to decide about what will happen and a position can be quickly secured for the most likely results. Most pictures can be taken from a crouching position and, luckily, the resultant low angle shots can be very impressive. However, don't be disappointed if you are in the wrong place half the time and if you do not possess a meter, give plenty of exposure and hope for the best.

Close-ups of sporting events remind me also that when the Olympic Games were held in Berlin, cameras were attached to the blades of oars in the rowing events, and in the mounted events to the saddles of the horses. I never had the opportunity of studying the results but the idea has possibilities and appears capable of infinite extension. I am quite sure manufacturers of miniatures would not object too strongly to cameras being used as bails in cricket matches or should they be cunningly incorporated in tennis rackets. Readers can consider all the other possibilities but I am not offering any prizes for the most original.

"Trouble" by Mr. Edris should have been published under the title of "Comedy Photos", but it came too late for last week's issue. I include it this week because it has for subject something I had hoped to see more of during the December competition.

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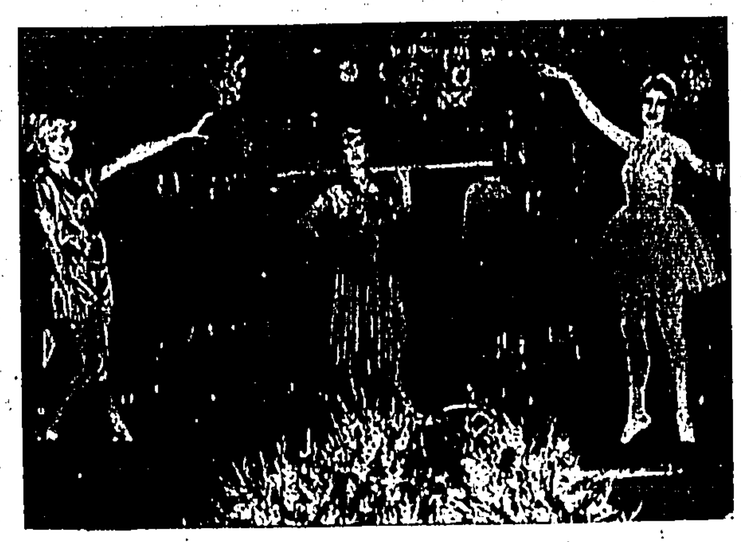

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GROWING UP?

If You're A Girl And Twenty, This Article Will Interest You

THERE are four diving boards waiting for women, from which they hit the surface of Life hard, fast, and square—and with enormous and sometimes shattering surprises and shocks to themselves.

These diving boards are the ages of twenty, thirty, forty and sixty.

Just for a split second, Life freezes on those dates, and a woman can see her world and her relationship to it, if she is clever before she plunges down—and on—through the years.

Let us suppose for a minute that a girl is twenty. The one pause in her life when she feels she can get anywhere, command anything; and, above all, that she *must* belong to herself spiritually, mentally and physically, or to that person, or group of people to whom she chooses to belong.

Here are a few leads for the coming journey to forty, which will show her her progress, and help her achieve a happy landing at middle-age.

(1) Do you confuse family interest with interference and get yourself "all worked up" evading both?

Probably you are getting a swollen and romantic idea of your own individuality and its claim. Later on, when you marry, if you let this "I must stand alone" attitude persist, you will find co-operation in living a domestic life with your mate practically impossible.

(2) Do you claim that you have tremendously marked human characteristics to which your associates must express constant appreciation and applause? Such as extreme sensitivity, passionate aversion to noise, brilliant lights and colours, loud, insistent people, modern swing music, films, books and celebrities that everybody "adores?"

If you do, you are laying up for yourself a packet of trouble in a journey on which you must lose some of the gloss and glamour of your own youth. All that sensitivity to these things means is that *you* want to be the centre of the stage, and you instinctively dislike and resent anything or anybody virile and insistent enough to challenge you.

(3) Do you long for a man who shall belong one hundred per cent to *you*; whose eyes, ears and ideas go no farther than you. Are you always a little late in the morning because you snuggle down to dream of him another five minutes? Would you like him to be very good looking, a *little* stupid? Do you *ache* for someone answering to this description to make a moony idiot of himself about you in front of people? Do you know

"Do you long for a man who shall belong one hundred per cent to you?"

it would hurt you inside if he said, "Gosh! That was a lovely girl at that party!" Would you dislike the son who thought his mother a gift from Heaven! Do you long to comfort and "bring out" someone shy and diffident about themselves?

These are all just ordinary, lonely, adolescent, emotional symptoms; but they are the danger signal to ultimate personal peace of mind and tranquility; and they ought to be disentangled from the romantic, schoolgirl "hangover" that is causing them. No male will ever belong one hundred per cent to you. Life usually claims them as they come out of the honeymoon. If you permit yourself to think anything else, you will be one of these "frustrated forties," always on the prowl for pure spiritual love from someone younger than themselves. Build up stacks of small, trivial gay interests; keep lots of small—to you important—things to do, and young and laughing people to go and see. And oh!—be careful unless you want to be the wife of a failure and a misfit at forty, of the maternal instinct that makes you long to play the inspiration and emotional nurse of some limp young man who doesn't "get on with people." Unless you want a bitter and burning disappointment that will mess up all your life, find out whether he is a raving egotist who *has* to batten on one individual, or whether there really is something worth while to reveal spiritually and emotionally.

(4) Do you simply ache for little personal luxuries and extravagances you really should not afford? Have you a secret lust for colours that are too fragile and gay to wear well or clean well? Do you crave for filmy frocks, ridiculously luxurious, impractical underwear? Do you get emotional conflict and a sense of unworthiness and guilt, because the So-and-So's can't get enough to eat and Cousin Millie is self-poisoning herself because she cannot afford to go to a dentist? Indulge in the luxuries and afford them yourself if you are a wage-earner, or scrounge them by coaxing if you are not. Why? Because anybody who finds so violent a lure in those things will have as violent a regret in after life because they did not have them at the correct time in their career. It's better to be greedy and know the stimulus of possessing the things you crave, than to regret ultimately and perhaps revile your smug "better self" that denied you these things.

(5) Do you feel remorseful because you daily outgrow things and, above all, *people*, to whom you were once quite violently and even morbidly attached? Does this give you a poisonous sense of disloyalty; at the same time a pretty strong resentment towards the people who can make you feel that way? Don't worry. Let whoever and whatever irks, irritates and annoys you *go*! It is better for your own nerves at this psychological juncture in your career, and much kinder to them. You will return to what is good and fine in personal relationships when you have completely adjusted yourself. As for the things, the books, the pictures, the personal possessions that were once charged with beauty and are now "sentimental muck," don't hang on to a thing in loyalty that you have secretly outgrown. If you do, it's a personal weakness and dishonesty that will affect your clear judgment in the material fittings and actions of your own life. Keep a clear, clean, honest picture of your own chosen actions in Life.

Honesty is about the most important thing for you to own just now. Honesty with yourself. You will never so clearly stand at the juncture between what you have been educated to be, and what you will become—and the choice has never been, and never will be, so absolutely yours. Your character has been formed by your parents, teachers and upbringing, but this is the time—the years between twenty and, say, twenty-seven—when that character will set, when you will become a worthwhile personality, or a negative, or even worthless one. So don't fool yourself!

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The perfect score is 100. Deduct ten points for each question you answer incorrectly. *(Correct answers below).*

EXAMPLE

Julia is pretty, with red hair, a beautiful figure, and a knowledge of herself and her interest in men. She is also fragile and conversationally inept. When buying clothes would Julia:

- *Select scarlet dresses?* (Not with red hair)
- *Purchase dashing sports clothes?* (Most decidedly)
- *Purchase dashing sports clothes?* (No. Too fragile)
- *Go in for mannish business suits?* (No. Can't fulfill mental expectations)
- *Get any old thing?* (No. Too many men in circulation)

Easy, isn't it? Start here:

1. Unquestionably versatile, born for a career and sure of it, Agnes is infatuated with her domineering fiancee, who deprecates her singing, writing and radio work, because he thinks her voice is off key, her writing morbid, her ideas socialistic. When he suggests that she becomes his secretary, would Agnes:

- *Break the engagement?*
- *Content herself with writing advertising copy?*
- *Sing only under cover of the chorus?*
- *Broadcast only in character?*
- *Accept the secretarial position?*

2. Bob's facetious, unorthodox attitude covers a hidden philosophy that creates an incomplete novel which is accepted by a leading magazine. A flat purse precludes the requisite sojourn in the publisher's city; the loan of a friend's one windowed studio permits it. But lovely Daphne, who lives to dress, never draws the blinds of the window opposite. Would Rob:

- *Give up the novel he can't keep his mind on?*
- *Write to Daphne — "Adorable Lady, I'll give you half my author's profits if you'll pull down the shades?"*
- *Make Daphne the heroine of a new novel?*
- *Draw his own curtains, write on the floor by electric light?*
- *Jump out of the window?*

3. Lee's personally financed business sky-rockets under his adroit, imaginative resourcefulness until the capital is exhausted. He and his wife bluff a financier who is finessing for a merger with lavish entertainment and a dazzling display of extravagant clothes. With their last dollar they join the financier's bridge party, to find the stakes five dollars a point. Would Lee:

- *Play, face inability to pay a heavy loss?*
- *Say that playing for money is against his principles?*
- *Refuse to play, admit his bluff, place himself at the financier's mercy?*
- *Claim that he's rotten at bridge, refuse to play purely out of consideration for his partner?*
- *Whisper to his husky wife to faint quickly and recover slowly?*

4. Anthony's home is Broadacres, his hobby fruit trees. His carefully indulged little son confides with resentment that his school chum is pronounced worthless by the teachers. Subsequently, when the chum repeatedly steals fruit from Broadacres. Anthony's visit to the boy's family discloses a home of penury and shiftlessness. A beneficent churchgoer, would Anthony:

- *Have the boy arrested?*
- *Prearrange a suspended sentence under probation?*
- *Turn the problem over to his pastor?*
- *Arrange to take the boy out of his environment and pay for supervision and training?*
- *Appeal to organized charity in behalf of the family?*

5. Deferring a nervous breakdown, Howard Pyke's irascibility is increased by a friend's financial destruction through unwarranted speculation. Long ill, Howard is introspective, secretly proud of certain charities' dependence upon his regular contributions, the funds for which he must despoil to save his friend. Would Howard:

- *Stick to his charities?*
- *Save his friend — abandon his charities?*
- *Borrow to save friend?*
- *Split his resources — ineffectively serve both?*
- *Wind up his affairs, retire, let everybody go to blazes?*

6. Necessity forces Wilbur Cartwright to forsake an eremitic existence and literary aspirations or marry money. He considers four responsive heiresses. Helen gives afternoon musicals daily. Doris is devoted to a ubiquitous large family. Josephine must travel—under convoy. Joan is an itinerant political leader. Wilbur shrinks from travel, music, families, and politics. Would Wilbur:

- *Marry Helen?*
- *Marry Joan?*
- *Marry Josephine?*
- *Marry Doris?*
- *Marry nobody?*

7. Ellen, a covetous child who was irresponsible in adolescence, is conceited in maturity. Willingness to meet heavy expenses and make her salary contingent upon the show's success will star her in a Broadway play. Acceptance necessitates a nurse for her adored infant son. Her husband's business requires all their capital. Would Ellen:

- *Refuse the offer, become a full-time wife and mother?*
- *Borrow heavily and gamble on the play's success?*
- *Without other plans send the child to her sister for a year?*
- *Rely on a cautious husband to borrow money for his business?*
- *Complain to Actors Equity Association?*

8. The impeccability of timid, retiring Thaddeus befits his bank officership in North Billings. Elation at a trip to a distant city for conferences with local moguls changes to consternation when his youthful aunt, determined and vivacious, registers at his hotel, constantly phones him to visit her room, makes repeated dashes into his. Would Thaddeus:

- *Throw appearances to the wind and give Aunty a time?*
- *Offer unsolicited protests of innocence to the eagle-eyed manager?*
- *Try to induce his aunt to move to another but inferior hotel?*
- *Move to the inferior hotel himself?*
- *Say he has been summoned home and postpone his conferences?*

9. Mrs. Woodlington punctiliously maintains her subjected husband's position in conventional North Billings. Spiritually parsimonious, she dictates the future of her complacent son Leslie. Her orthodox equanimity is shaken when she discovers that Leslie has seduced her secretary. Would Mrs. Woodlington:

- *Talk frankly with her son and learn his intentions?*
- *Arrange financial care of the girl and her child, help her get another position?*
- *Discharge the girl without explanation, never reconsider the subject?*
- *Insist that Leslie marry the secretary?*
- *Turn Leslie over to his father?*

10. Attorney Henderson's unlucrative practice is confined to advice on the intimate affairs of a large clientele. Conscientious, he employs the sensitive and charming daughter of an old but impecunious friend. As a stenographer the girl is a heavy liability. Would Henderson:

- *Peremptorily fire her?*
- *Break the sad news to her father that the case is hopeless?*
- *Invent other work for her and employ another stenographer?*
- *Surreptitiously write his few important letters himself?*
- *Try to place her as a stenographer in a rival's office?*

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1. Break the engagement.
2. Write to Daphne "Adorable Lady, I'll give you half my author's profits if you'll pull down the shades."
3. Claim that he's rotten at bridge, refuse to play purely out of consideration for his partner.
4. Arrange to take the boy out of his environment and pay for his supervision and training.
5. Wind up his affairs, retire, let everybody go to blazes.
6. Marry Joan.
7. Borrow heavily and gamble on the play's success.
8. Say he has been summoned home and postpone his conference.
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To illustrate this very simply, just take the raising and lowering of your eyebrows. One set of muscles is used for lowering them and another and contracting set is used for raising them. If through a set, habitual expression, the brows are kept constantly raised, the muscles which are used to lower the brows will become weak and inactive, refuse to function properly, and you will eventually find it very difficult to lower the brows. This applies to frown-lines, mouth-lines, smile-lines, and every other type of line on your face. They are all the result of your habitual expression and the gradual weakening of the contracting muscles.

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MAKE UP YOUR MIND

The most difficult part of any exercise is making up your mind to carry it out.

First apply a liberal coating of skin food to the face, then sit in front of a mirror, study your expression, and then set to work to remove those unwanted lines. At first, the unaccustomed exercise may make your face ache, as in a similar manner unusual body exercise makes the body ache. This is the first sign that your muscles are starting to benefit.

To restore your jaw-line, open your mouth very slowly and steadily until it is at its widest extent. Try and keep the corners as square as possible. Whilst the mouth is wide open tap the cheeks with the fingertips, so that they will gradually become firmer. Then with your muscles only try and lift the lips back so that the teeth show. Then close the mouth slowly, all the time resisting the movement with your opposite muscles. Relax when the mouth is closed, and then repeat the exercise a further six times. Carry out this exercise night and morning.

FOR DOUBLE CHINS

An extra chin always causes its owner a certain amount of anxiety. This exercise will help remove it and give a firmer line. First cream the face, sit in front of your mirror, and then bend your head backwards until a distinct strain is felt. Encircle your neck with your thumb and first finger, and strain your throat until you feel the throat ligaments like hard cords. Then move the head left, right, and forward, stretching the strained muscles and ligaments. Relax. Repeat six times night and morning.

DROOPING MOUTH AND LIPS

This is an ugly expression, and all haste should be made to remove it. Cream the face, close the teeth firmly together, then try and raise the lower lip over the upper lip, at the same time thrusting it out. You will gradually feel a strain in the cheeks, but try and concentrate it on the lower lip. Count twenty, then relax. Repeat four times and then smile, keeping your mouth closed and raising the mouth corners as far up and back as is possible. Do not allow the eyes to smile.

To strengthen weak eyelids, raise the eyebrows, then try to close the eyes slowly, keeping the eyelids in tension, and bringing the lower eyelid up as far as possible. Relax and repeat six times daily.

To correct lines between the eyebrows, smear plenty of cream around the eyes, cheeks, and nose. Then with every effort of the face sneer as you have never sneered before Sneer until the eyes nearly disappear and thousands of lines are showing, then gradually relax. Repeat this exercise 20 times.

These exercises are extremely simple, but to be effective you must be prepared to give them every mental aid. Concentration is just as essential as the actual exercise.

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How wise women would be if they knew that a man who has only loved one woman has never loved any.

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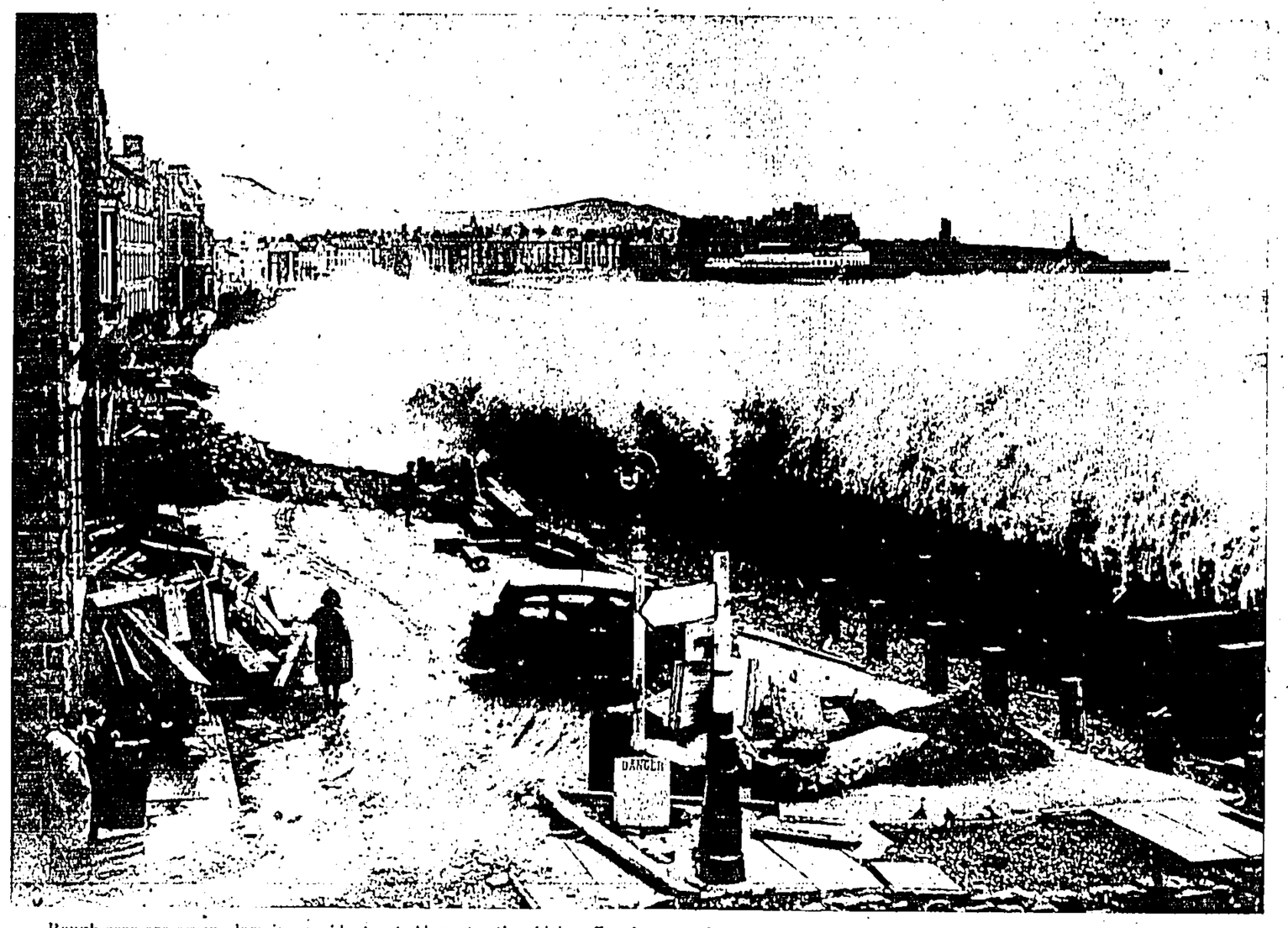

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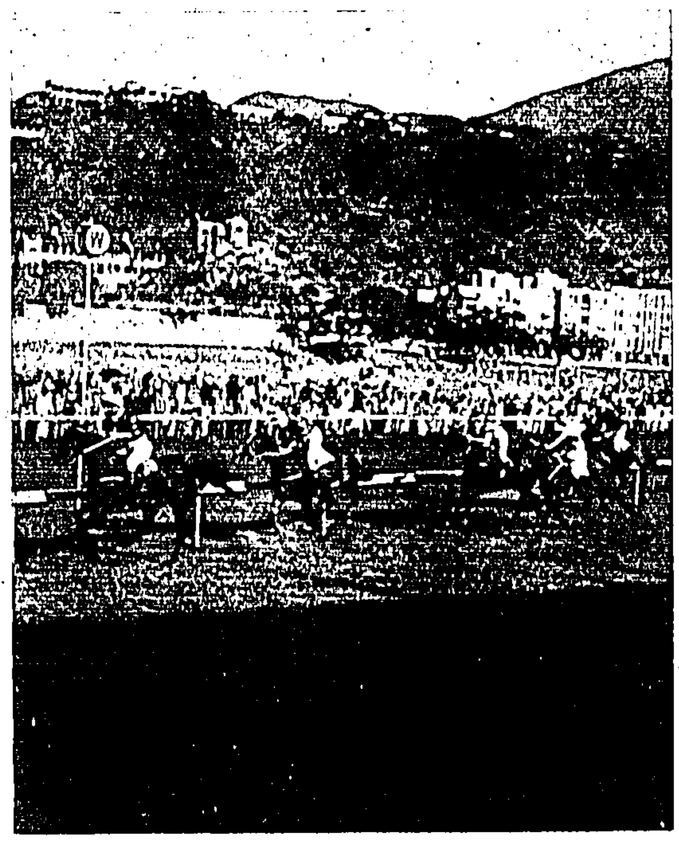

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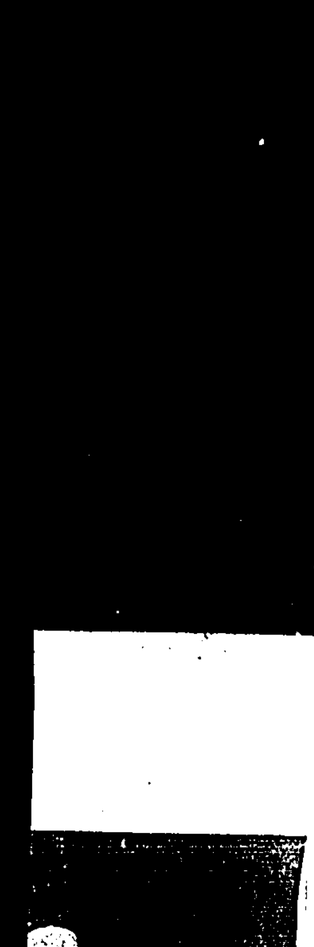

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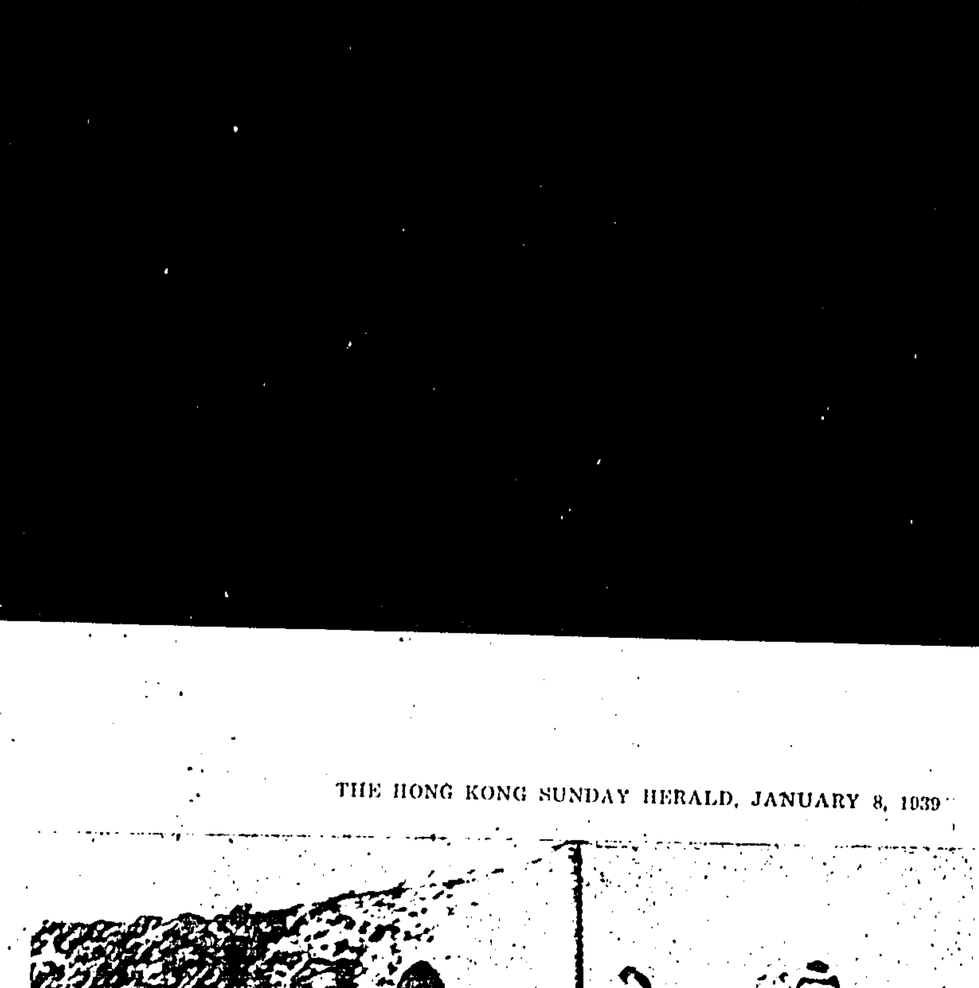

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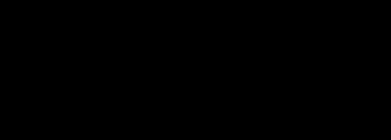

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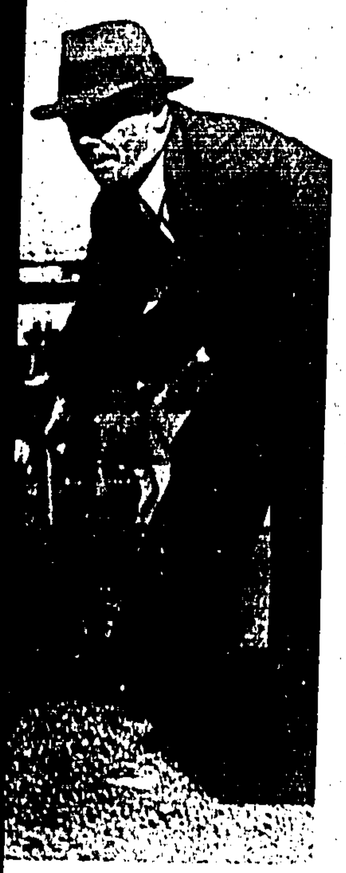

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Leonardo Gavia (left) and Armado Sanchez, the Philippines tennis stars. Taken at the exhibition matches at the K.C.C. last week.

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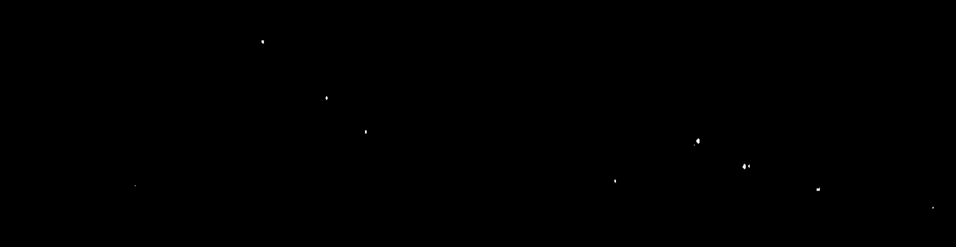

Imagine a curved line from your thumb tip to your index finger. If the curve reaches the first two joints of the finger, you have great vitality.

If the life line is not clearly marked from its start, but cut up or criss-crossed by small lines, difficult childhood years are revealed.

Severe illnesses at some stage of the life of the subject are shown by crosses or points on the course of the life line, as in the illustration above.

DANGLING from your sleeve you carry with you everywhere a history of your past and a forecast of your future. So the hand-reading experts of our days tell us.

Chiroscopy, chironomy and other up-to-date fortune-telling from the hand, are attempting to put that ancient art on a new scientific footing.

The new hand-reading experts claim that they can tell the expectation of life and probable destinies of human beings by examining the shape, surface and lines of the hand. And that they can also read their character, inclinations, gifts, and past, by the same method.

Let us see how they do it.

Much like the modern finger-print experts, traditional palmists divided the hand into zones representing various spheres of the human personality. These they named after mythical gods.

Thus the index region was Jupiter, and stood for power, organising ability and family feeling.

The second finger was Saturn, standing for knowledge of the world and conscience.

The ring finger, Apollo, represented luck and artistic gifts.

The little finger, Mercury, indicated diplomatic ability and manual skill.

The thumb symbolised the personality as a whole.

The mounds at the base of the four fingers are supplemented by the Mound of Mars and of Luna along the outer edge of the palm and the Mound of Venus at the base of the thumb.

The Mound of Mars was regarded as the seat of aggressiveness and resistance, both physical and moral; the Mound of Luna as the centre of the imagination, of dreams, of the love of adventure and travel; and the Mound of Venus as the site of vitality and sex appeal.

The line of life, running along the Mound of Venus, was supposed to indicate expectation of life. The line of head, beginning at the same point as the line of life, or close to it, generally runs to the flat of the palm, or Plain of Mars, and was thought to indicate intelligence and nervous constitution. The line of the heart is its counterpart, but runs in the opposite direction and shows the state of the heart both in the spiritual and physical sense. The line of destiny is the central axis of the hand and determines the relation of the individual to society. The lines of luck and intuition are explained by their names. The line of health is specially connected with intestinal functions, and the Ring of Venus with the emotional behaviour, while the lines of travel show domesticity or love of adventure.

Such was the ancient foundation on which modern palmistry was built. No longer was the line of life the sole indication of the expectation of life—the whole hand was considered. The results are ten characteristics, and when all these are found in one person, a long life may be expected. These characteristics are:

1. General harmony of form.
2. A long thumb, very broad at the point where the terminal joint meets the basic point.
3. Strongly modelled mounds, an especially prominent Mound of Venus.
4. Short, broad fingers.
5. Hard nails of a normal size with well-defined moons.
6. Fingers swelling out between joints.
7. Firm-fleshed palm.
8. Skin colour light pink.
9. Numerous clear-cut lines, a doubled line of life, unbroken line of destiny and a long and perfect line of health.
10. Fine vertical lines, expressive of vital magnetism, on the finger joints.

If the [illegible] doubled at some places forming little islands on the palms, chronic illnesses are revealed.

Forked ends to the life line denote loss of vitality. (Top right hand corner).

Crossing lines at the start or end of the life line show nervousness.

If the life line branches out at a certain point, there is grave danger to life. A star shows the age when this may happen.

If the life line is broken and a second line goes in a parallel direction a serious accident affecting life or limb is to be feared.

An interruption in the life line and continuation after a clearly defined break gives warning of a danger of infirmity.

The mound of Luna is criss-crossed by lines running diagonally upwards and from side to side, forming a crown of three crosses. This shows that the active or creative imagination is no less developed than the passive.

The fine lines running towards the Mound of Mercury disclose strong sensuality influenced by strange fantasies. On this mound,

marked by ascending lines—the signs of diplomatic abilities—we find the line of intuition ending in a triangle. This, again, is an indication of creative faculties. The line of luck, although strongly marked, is clearly contradicted by the formation of islands on its course and by crosses situated along its length.

In the palm of the hand is the most important sign—the isolation of the index finger.

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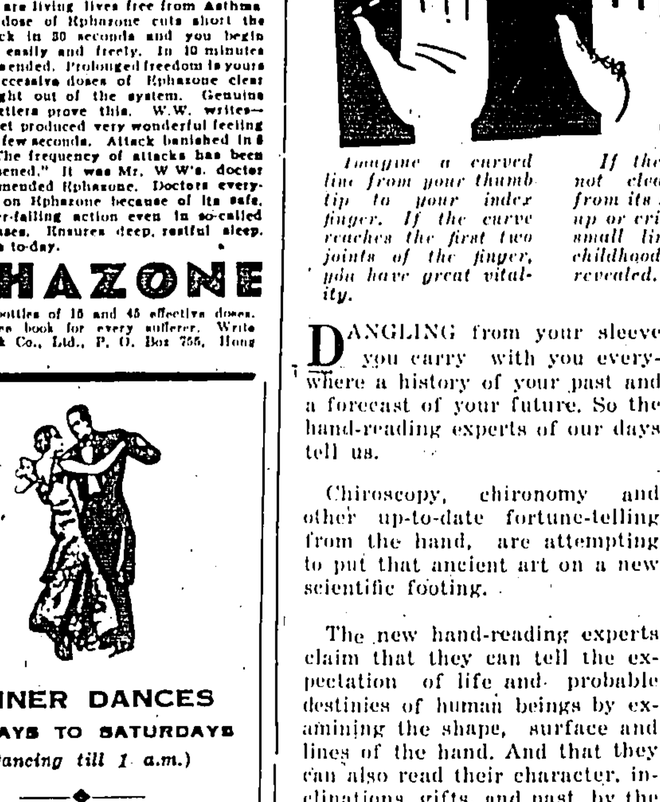

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"Bully-me-off," says Muriel McCaw to Mrs. Read as the fancy dress players commenced their farcical match on the "Y" ground last Saturday.

Marie Smith (right) takes the ball through on her own while a colleague helps. This picture was taken at the fancy-dress hockey match held on New Year's Eve on the "Y" ground.

Two charming spectators at the fancy-dress hockey match on the "Y" ground last Saturday.

Another action picture from the fancy dress hockey match on New Year's Eve on the "Y" ground. Marie Smith and a friend who is apparently trying to frighten her off the ball.

BREAKING DOWN A CIPHER: By James Hyde

THIS article is written by one of the world's foremost experts in the science of deciphering secret writing. In it he shows the method of solving a cipher by taking a code message and uncovering the hidden meaning step by step.

A CRYPTOGRAM is a secret message written by means of a substitute alphabet.

In solving simple substitution ciphers take a frequency count. The nine characters of highest frequency should represent the letters, E, T, A, O, N, I, R, S, H. These can often be individually identified easily enough by observing their use as terminals. The following characteristics are outstanding:

Used as INITIALS, but not as finals: A-I-H.

Used as FINALS, but not as initials: E-R-N.

Used as both INITIALS and FINALS: O-S-T.

Letters contacting low frequency symbols usually represent vowels.

Vowels contact more DIFFERENT characters than consonants.

E occurs most frequently in last, or next to last, position. I is outstanding in antepenultimate position. O occurs as both initial and final in two-letter words; and every seldom ends a long word.

T is usually the highest frequency consonant, and will often show several vowel characteristics. T is often mistaken for a vowel.

HERE is a typical cipher which I was asked to solve the other day:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
JUNR	JUNM	JUNC	JUNI	JUNR	JUNY	JUNT	JUNS
LESU	LESG	LESS	LEST	LESI	LESR	LESA	LESL
ATEI	ATEO	ATEL	ATEC	ATER	ATEJ	ATEH	ATEE
ORCM	ORCA	ORCE	ORCE	ORCE	ORCL	ORCA	ORCS
ANKG	ANKS	ANKS	ANKT	ANKA	ANKA	ANKE	ANKO
BEFO	BEFO	BEFO	BEFO	BEFO	BEFO	BEFO	BEFO
CKFA	CKFR	CKFO	CKFS	CKFB	CKFB	CKFM	CKFN
SBYS	SBYE	SBYN	SBYV	SBYC	SBYC	SBYE	SBYE

Which of the above sequences looks most like clear text? Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 have impossible combinations: No. 6 is out because the fourth sequence is part of the first sequence and obviously cannot be correct; this leaves only No. 3. It is definitely established as being correct. We now look for the fifth sequence. If our assumption that BEFO is part of BEFORE is correct, the next sequence must have an R in the sixth position in the sequence. The seventh tetragraph, CKFO, may also require an R to complete it, so we will look for an eight-letter sequence with two Rs together. Our search shows no such sequences. Obviously CKFO is not CKFOR. Since the word must start with the F rather than the K, it may be FOU. Let us see if we can find a sequence in which R and U are together. We find RU together only once in our cipher and accordingly take out the sequence containing it and juxtapose as follows:

JUNCT
LESSI
ATELY
ORCED
ANKSW
BEFOR
CKFOU
SBYNI

This looks very promising. We might guess the first word to be JUNCTION, while ORCED suggests FORCED, or possibly REINFORCED, and we suspect that we are dealing with military text. We now look for a sixth sequence. We must have one starting with I, with an E in the sixth position. There is one such sequence, letters 74-79—"IFTLAEAR." This, however, does not make sense, and we are forced to conclude that our word is not BEFORE. We forget the sixth tetragraph for the time being and pick out one somewhere else. Take the seventh tetragraph CKFOU. This looks like CKFOUR. We look for a sequence beginning with I with an R in the seventh position. There is but one such sequence, letters 151-158. Note that this is the last eight letters in the cryptogram and shows that we are working on the end of the message. We juxtapose our sixth sequence:

JUNCTI
LESSIM
ATELYR
ORCEDW
ANKSWE
BEFORC
CKFOUR
SBYNIG

We now look for a sequence beginning with O and ending with H, because it is now evident that our first word is JUNCTION and our last one NIGHT. Sequence 135-142 fits perfectly, and we now write:

JUNCTIO
LESSIMM
ATELYRE
ORCEDWI
ANKSWEW
BEFORCE
CKFOURM
SBYNIGH

Our next sequence must start with N and end with T. We find these letters in sequence 57-64, and accordingly write:

JUNCTION
LESSIMME
ATELYREI
ORCEDWIT
ANKSWEWI
BEFORCED
CKFOURMI
SBYNIGHT

At this point we pause and have a look at our work. We see part of the word IMMEDIATELY on the second line and part on the third line. We look in vain for a sequence having D in the second place that will fit up to our last sequence. This can mean only one thing. We have reached the right-hand margin of the original rectangle and must now begin to work on the left. We look for a sequence containing F in the fourth position to complete the word FORCED. We find it at 72-79 and write as follows:

TJUNCTION
NLESSIMME
IATELYREI
FORCEDWIT
TANKSWEWI
LBEFORCED
ACKFOURMI
ESBYNIGHT

We now want a sequence with D in the third place and B in the seventh place, as it is plain that the word after FORCED is BACK. We find that the letters we want are in sequence 87-94, and again we write:

ATJUNCTION
UNLESSIMME
DIATELYREI
NFORCEDWIT
HTANS WEWI
LLBEFORCED
BACKFOURMI
LESBYNIGHT

Again we pause to consider our work. What we have just completed gives complete sense. No letters are missing. This proves that the key is ten letters long, because our rectangle is ten letters wide. We have a perfect square, however, or rather, we have a completely filled rectangle, whereas the original rectangle is incomplete. We must shift some of the columns around. By dividing the total number of letters in the ciphor by 10, which is 158 divided by 10, we get 15, with a remainder of 8. This indicates that the original rectangle used a 10-letter key, had fifteen rows of ten letters each, and with eight letters in the final, or sixteenth row. That shows us that the last two cells should be vacant. We therefore move our first two columns over to the right side of our rectangle, taking care to shift them upward one space so as to make the last two cells vacant. We now write as follows:

AT
JUNCTIONUN
LESSIMMEDI
ATELYREINF
ORCEDWITHT
ANKSWEWILL
BEFORCEDBA
CKFOURMILE
SBYNIGHT

Our next step is to rewrite the original cryptogram into a rectangle, 10 letters wide, as follows:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1.	Y	M	E	T	C	R	E	F	S	N
2.	O	G	N	H	E	I	H	F	T	T
3.	N	O	R	W	T	R	W	E	A	E
4.	M	A	L	H	O	E	R	E	H	L
5.	P	S	R	N	S	A	Y	A	A	T
6.	R	O	P	E	V	O	R	E	E	V
7.	I	R	R	L	F	A	J	U	O	V
8.	R	E	S	S	T	U	L	E	M	I
9.	T	C	N	N	N	D	A	T	E	M
10.	I	S	S	E	I	N	O	R	I	R
11.	Y	L	E	I	F	H	A	N	W	W
12.	D	E	C	T	T	L	B	E	E	E
13.	W	S	K	I	L	B	C	K	M	C
14.	R	O	F	D	A	L	S	B	H	R
15.	U	O	F	I	E	E	N	T	A	G
16.	I	N	Y	T	A	K	I	T.		

Now note carefully each column in the cryptogram as above written. You will begin with column 1 and see where it is in our partially reconstructed rectangle. It is our fifth sequence. We now change the number of our fifth sequence to 1. Column No. 2 in the cryptogram is our fourth sequence so we change it from 4 to 2. Column No. 3 is the same as our third sequence, so we leave the number unchanged. Column 4 is our eighth and we again change from eight to four. Continuing this process until all of the columns of our partially reconstructed rectangle are numbered with the numbers over the columns in the cryptogram, we have: (Old numbers at bottom and new numbers at top)—

7 8 3 2 1 10 9 4 6 5

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J	U	N	C	T	I	O	N	U	N	
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O	R	C	E	D	W	I	T	H	T	
A	N	K	S	W	E	W	I	L	L	
B	E	F	O	R	C	E	D	B	A	
C	K	F	O	U	R	M	I	L	E	
S	B	Y	N	I	G	H	T			

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

We have now reconstructed the numerical key and the message may be written down directly from the key as follows:

7 8 3 2 1 10 9 4 6 5

1.	E	N	E	M	Y	A	T	T	A	C
2.	K	I	N	G	O	N	T	H	R	E
3.	E	F	R	O	N	T	S	W	I	T
4.	H	F	L	A	M	E	T	H	R	O
5.	W	E	R	S	P	L	A	N	E	S
6.	R	E	P	O	R	T	H	E	A	V
7.	Y	A	R	R	I	V	A	L	O	F
8.	R	E	S	E	R	V	E	S	A	T
9.	J	U	N	C	T	I	O	N	U	N
10.	L	E	S	S	I	M	M	E	D	I
11.	A	T	E	L	Y	R	E	I	N	F
12.	O	R	C	E	D	W	I	T	H	T
13.	A	N	K	S	W	E	W	I	L	L
14.	B	E	F	O	R	C	E	D	B	A
15.	C	K	F	O	U	R	M	I	L	E
16.	S	B	Y	N	I	G	H	T.		

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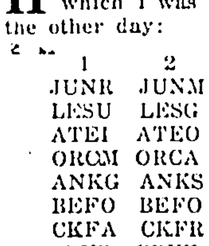

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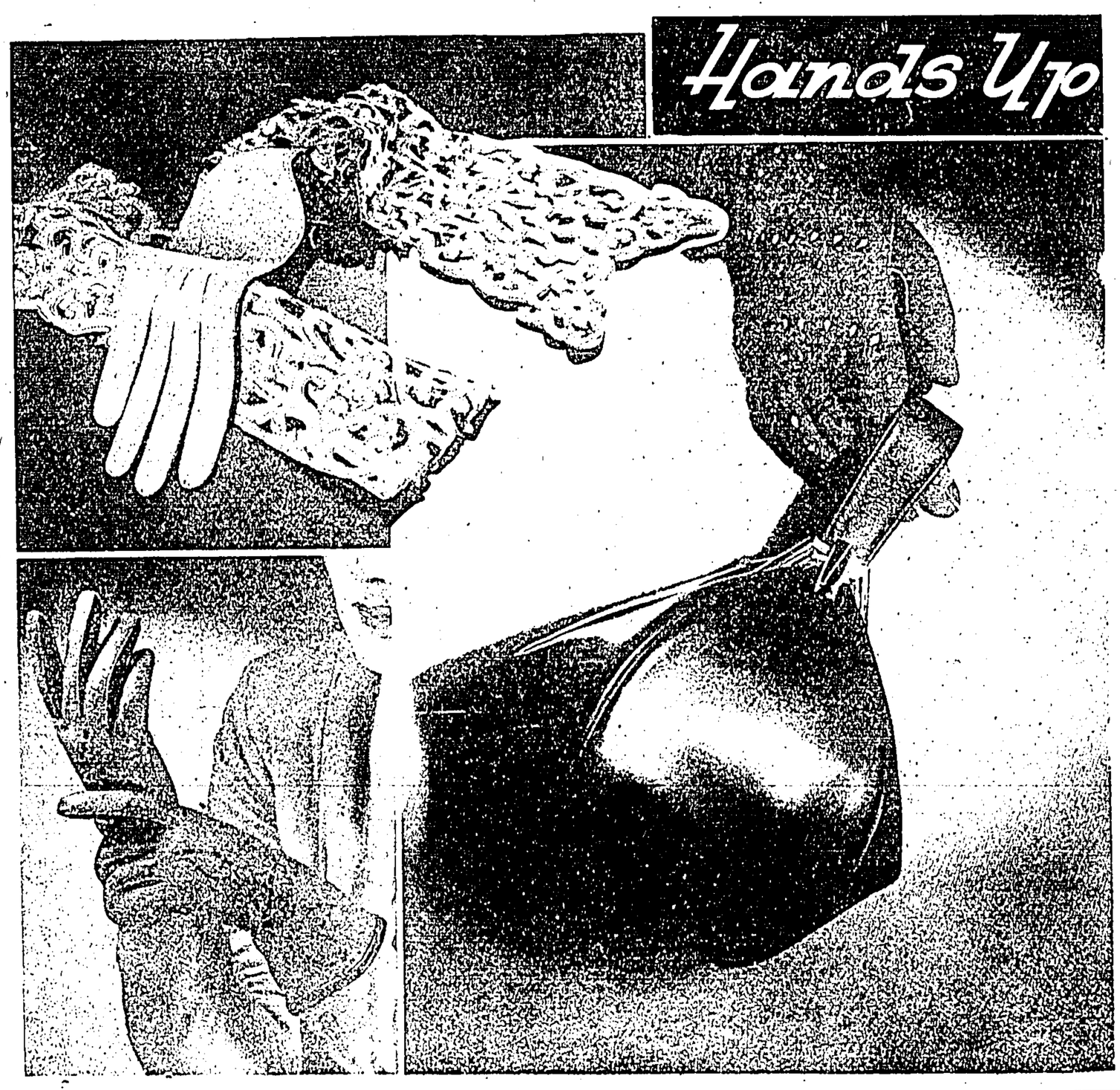

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Film Heroes Of History

NOWADAYS romance being dead, we have to have it shown us at the cinema, where daring, gallantry, and other masculine virtues are portrayed for us; meretriciously it may be, but half a loaf is, no doubt, better than no bread. Yet there was a time when courage, daring, ruthlessness, and the art of making love were almost commonplace; and so for the benefit of those who have only studied these virtues at the cinema, here are film heroes of history who in their day had more box-office appeal, if one may so put it, than any latter-day film star.

Perhaps the most appealing and, it may be fantastic of them all, was Robert Devereux, second Earl of Essex, the favourite of Queen Elizabeth, who crowded into his brief life of thirty-five years more romance and excitement than most men achieve in three-score years and ten.

In terms of screen stars there is not the least doubt that Essex's modern counterpart is Leslie Howard. Howard, as all his admirers know, is tall, slim, and typically English, with the definite air of the aristocrat and perfect manners, as those who saw him as the Scarlet Pimpernel will remember. Also the impression I always get of Howard is that he is fair-haired, and so was Essex.

Essex first saw the light at Netherwood in Herefordshire, on November 19th, 1566. They sent him when ten years old to Trinity College, Cambridge. If ever a man was born to the purple it was Essex. As one biographer puts it:

"His father . . . was descended from all the great houses of mediaeval England. The Earl of Huntingdon, the Marques of Dorset, the Lord Ferrers—Bohuns. Bourchiers, River, Plantagenets—they crowded into his pedigree."

In 1585 he accompanied his step father, the Earl of Leicester, to Holland, and was present at the Battle of Zutphen, where the dying Sir Philip Sidney refused a drink of water saying that the need of another wounded man, a common soldier, was greater than his. Essex, on his return, made his appearance at Court, and Queen Elizabeth, who always had an eye for a good-looking man, liked him very well—too well, perhaps, in spite of the fact that she was fifty-three and he had not attained his twentieth year.

Raleigh was a Devonshire man born at a place called Hayes, near Budleigh Salterton. Even in academic matters he opposed Essex, choosing the sister University. Raleigh entered Oriel College, Oxford, in 1568. Later, in the haphazard manner of the times, he served alternately as soldier and sailor, commanding the "Falcon" in an expedition of his half-brother Sir Humphrey Gilbert against the Spaniards in 1578, and functioning as an infantry captain in Ireland in 1580.

Like all Elizabeth's chosen courtiers he was tall and good-looking, with what are described as caressing manners and a quick wit. Among the Queen's favours were Durham House in the Strand, and two leases from All Souls, Oxford, which having an eye to business, he sold; a patent to grant licences to tavern keepers which he leased to someone else, and a licence for exporting woollen cloths, which he appears to have kept.

Raleigh, the poet-adventurer, began a scheme for the colonisation of Virginia, in what are now the United States, though the territary which Raleigh describes as Virginia was nowhere near the State of Virginia as we know it to-day.

He made an interesting bargain over this with the Queen; he and his heirs had the right to all the territory they occupied in return for which the Queen took a duty of twenty per cent. on the produce of any mines producing precious metals. Unfortunately Raleigh does not seem to have been very successful as a colonist, and so he sold his territorial rights to a company.

After the year 1587 the rivalry with Essex arose, and apart from that Raleigh fell into sad trouble by having a love affair with one of the Queen's maids of honour, Elizabeth Throgmorton.

Alas, in the end everything went wrong with the unfortunate Sir Walter. The Queen turned against him, dismissed him from his post of Captain of the Guard, rescinded his various monopolies, and took Durham House away from him.

Raleigh survived the Queen, and it was left for James I, her successor, to complete his ruin. During the turbulent early months of James' reign conditions appear to have been very unsettled, and Raleigh once more found himself in the Tower. Eventually he was tried and sentenced to death, but the sentence was not carried out, so he remained in the Tower writing his *"Historie of the World."*

While Essex and Raleigh correspond more or less to prominent present-day screen lovers, Bothwell was undoubtedly the type of gun-man or gangster, and no one on the modern screen suggests him more than Raymond Massey.

As we all know him to be a "tough-looking guy," of rather more than average height and, in his films, at any rate, dark and sinister, to me Raymond's part in *The Scarlet Pimpernel* recalls Bothwell to the life.

He was born about 1536 and succeeded to his father's estates and titles, including that of Lord High Admiral of Scotland, in 1556. The strange thing about Bothwell is that, although he was a staunch Protestant, he was an equally staunch supporter of the Catholic Mary of Guise, better known as Mary Queen of Scots.

He began his career of crime by raiding England; even in those days it proved a rather hopeless prospect, for later he met certain English commissioners and signed a treaty of peace. After that he seems to have become linked with the family of Mary, for we find the Queen Dowager requesting him to take Stirling, and later on he proceeded to France and joined Mary in Paris.

He now began to live a life of intrigue. First Mary sent him to Edinburgh to summon the Parliament, and he was made a Privy Councillor. In spite of that they do not seem to have trusted him because a promise was extracted from him to keep the peace. But he broke his promise and consequently was compelled to leave Edinburgh.

The adventures of Bothwell now became almost fantastic; they included being shipwrecked on Holy Island and being put in the Tower by Queen Elizabeth. Mary Queen of Scots seems to have continued to draw him like a lode-stone, and in the year 1565 she asked him to help her against Moray who was in open rebellion against her.

During all this time Bothwell had many love entanglements. In spite of these and, possibly to annoy Mary, he married, in 1566, Jane, the daughter of the fourth Earl of Huntly. This girl was, however, to live to rue the day.

Moving as he did in high circles Bothwell never had any difficulty in getting out of a marriage as soon as he wished to do so, the Church and civil power alike being willing to assist him. After he had married Jane his association with Mary became still closer. In return for his political advice she gave him Dunbar Castle, and also the lands belonging to the Earl of March.

It was Bothwell who is supposed to have arranged for the murder of Rizzio, Mary's secretary. Subsequently, it is said, Mary and Bothwell decided between them that her husband, Darnley, should be put to death, and this Bothwell carried out in a truly film-like manner.

"MADRIDLENOS CAN Still LAUGH"

Says Langston Hughes.

YES, people still laugh in Madrid. In this astonishing city of bravery and death, where the houses run right up to the trenches and some of the street-car lines stop only at the barricades, people still laugh, children play in the streets, men stop to read the comic papers as well as war news. The shell holes of the night before are often filled in by dawn, so valiantly do the Madrilenos struggle to patch up their city.

A million people living on the front lines of a nation at war! You never know when a shell is going to fall. Or where. Imagine yourself sitting in the front room of your third-floor apartment calmly polishing your eyeglasses when a shell comes through the wall and explodes like a thunderclap beneath the sofa. If you are sitting on the sofa, you are out of luck. If you are at the other side of the room, you may not get killed.

That explains why practically nobody in Madrid bothers to move when the big guns are heard. If you move, you may as likely as not move into the wrong place.

The Telefonica, Madrid's riddled skyscraper, is still standing, proud but ragged, its telephone girls at work inside. The post office has no windowpanes left, but the mail still goes out. Most of the hotels have gaping holes in their walls but their undamaged rooms still house paying guests, for one must live somewhere. If one of the halls on an upper floor leads straight out into space—door and balcony having been shot away—the desk clerk explains this carefully to you as you register.

Bad cigarettes, poor wine, little bread or coffee, no soap, no sugar! Madrid, dressed in bravery and smiles; knowing death and the sound of guns by day and night, but resolved to live and laugh, not die! At the house where I am staying, sometimes a meal consists largely of bread and soup made of bread. Everybody tightens his belt and grins, and somebody is sure to repeat goodnaturedly the old Spanish saying, "Bread with bread—food for fools!" Then we all laugh.

To torment the Madridlenos, Franco has been broadcasting daily from his radio stations at Burgos and Seville the luncheon and dinner menus of the big hotels, the fine food the Facists are eating and the excellent wines they drink. But Madrid keeps its sense of humour. Gen- would enter the city on the eighth of December. He didn't. But on the evening of the eighth some wag remembered, and the crowds in Madrid's darkened. Puerta del Sol saw by moonlight in the very centre of the square a coffee table carefully set, the coffee poured, and neatly pinned to the white cloth a large sign reading: eral Mola, a lover of cafes, said at the beginning of the war that he would soon be drinking coffee in Madrid. He swore that he. "For Mola."

The moving-picture theatres are crowded. One evening an audience was following with great interest an American film. Suddenly an *obus* fell in the street outside with a tremendous detonation, but nobody moved from his seat. Soon another fell, shaking the whole building. The manager mounted the stage to say that he thought it best to stop the picture. Before he had the words out of his mouth he was greeted with such a hissing and booing that he shrugged his shoulders in resignation. The magic of Hollywood resumed its spell. While Franco's shells whistled dangerously over the theatre, the film went its make-believe way to a thrilling denouement. The picture was called *Terror in Chicago.*

Mr. Bob Henderson amuses the kiddies on Children's Day at the K.C.C. (A. M. Jaffer).

Deeply concentrated on musical chairs at the Children's Sports at the K.C.C. (A. M. Jaffer).

"Here's my shoe?" The boys' find-your-shoe race at the K.C.C. (A.A. Kahn).

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LONDON FREEZES

Mr. Hore-Belisha Ventures Reply To Political Critics

Conscious Of Risks He Was Taking In Army Council Changes

Wintry Scenes In Whitehall. Not for many years has such a cold spell been known in London, just before Christmas the temperature being down below freezing point. This wintry scene was taken in Whitehall, London, when the Lifeguards performed the Changing of the Guard ceremony amid the snow. (Air Mail).

ARMY BEING ADAPTED TO MODERN USE

London, Yesterday.

Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, Secretary for War, speaking in his constituency last night, referred to certain charges which had recently been made about his administration at the War Office, and complained that these charges were neither open nor precise.

But it appeared to be suggested that the War Office under his administration had been inactive, and the Secretary for War proceeded to recount measures which had been taken during the last nineteen months for which he had held his present office.

For thirty years, the main organisation of the Army had remained virtually unaltered. Since he took office it had been completely overhauled in all its formations and units.

ROLE DEFINED

It was being made flexible; was being mechanised and was being adapted to modern uses. The role of the Army had been defined in a series of precise priorities.

A territorial field army had been reformed on the same lines as the Regular Army, involving much conversion, adaptation and re-planning.

The shortage of men, which he was told there would be by March next at the rate of recruiting prevailing for the Regular Army at the time he went to the War Office, would in the event be less than half that predicted.

While under 23,000 recruits were obtained in the recruiting year 1936/7, in the current year it was estimated that there would be about 40,000 despite the fact that competing requirements of other regular services had more than doubled in the interval.

PROSPECTS IMPROVED

In the past nineteen months the position and prospects of every officer and man in the British Army had been improved.

The number of officers undergoing Staff training had been doubled, and an additional Staff College had been established.

The territorial Army nineteen months ago was 153,204 strong. To-day it was 200,190 strong. It was closer to its establishment than ever before in its history.

The demand of all the various auxiliary forces, active and passive, had increased by over 500 per cent. but despite those competing demands the increase of recruits for the Army auxiliarly forces at the present rate of intake would be nearly 50 per cent.

Such, declared Mr. Hore-Belisha, was the magnificent response made by the manhood of the nation to the claims of its citizen army.

DRASTIC MEASURES

The Secretary for War also alluded to certain measures of a drastic and decisive character which he had had to take.

It had not been palatable, for instance, to make comprehensive changes in the Army Council and the Higher Command, and he was not unconscious of the risks he had taken.

The Prime Minister was equally acquainted with the character of the task which had awaited him at the War Office, and on the repercussions which must follow the forthright measures he had to take, had throughout sustained him.

He added there were still things to be done if the nation was to have the army it merited.

A. A. GUNS

Referring to the responsibility of the War Office for anti-aircraft guns and searchlights to fit into the scheme controlled by the Air Officer Commanding for air defence, Mr. Hore-Belisha mentioned that the batteries of the First Anti-Aircraft Division defending London would be within a month completed to war strength in the 3.7 inch gun, the design of which was only finally approved in 1937.

The number of men in the anti-aircraft units of the Territorial Army had increased in nineteen months from 22,763 to 65,870 of all ranks.

NOT OVER-OPTIMISTIC

It had been said he was over optimistic. He was not. But he was genuinely alarmed at the encouragement which was given outside the shores of Britain by exaggerated descriptions of the Army's alleged shortcomings and alleged incapacity.—British Wireless.

MOSCOW PLANES FOR SERVICE OVER POLE

Moscow, Yesterday.

Far from having given up the idea of the North Pole route from Moscow to America for airmail and passenger service, Russia is now constructing three large three-motored planes capable of carrying 42 passengers and a crew of six with the intention of eventually placing them on this route.

The planes will be completed by May, 1939, and will be thoroughly tried out on the Moscow-Vladivostok stretch before they are sent to America via the North Pole.—Trans-Ocean.

Fire On British Ship

Buenos Aires, Yesterday.

A cargo of 800 tons of maize and bran destined for Nationalist Spain was destroyed here yesterday when fire broke out on the British freighter, "Caledonian Monarch" in the harbour.—Trans-Ocean.

REPORT OF WARRANT FOR SECOND BRITON

Berlin, Yesterday.

The leading Nazi paper, Voelkische Beobachter reported this morning that the Franco authorities have issued a warrant of arrest against another Englishman Mr. Rattenbury, of the British Agency to Burgos, who is alleged to be involved in the San Sebastian espionage affair.

The warrant cannot be executed because the acting British Agent to Burgos is extending extraterritorial rights to Mr. Rattenbury by allowing him to stay in the house of the British Agency.

The "Voelkische Beobachter," not mentioning information sources, alleges that the police have evidence that both Mr. Golding and Mr. Rattenbury were connected with Candida Bengoechon, the "fascinating woman spy of the Republicans in the Nationalist sector of Madrid.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPAN'S ORDER FOR CONDORS CONFIRMED

Tokyo, Yesterday.

Japan has confirmed the purchase of five German Condor type aeroplanes, similar to that which recently made a record flight to Tokyo and crashed off Manila on the return hop.

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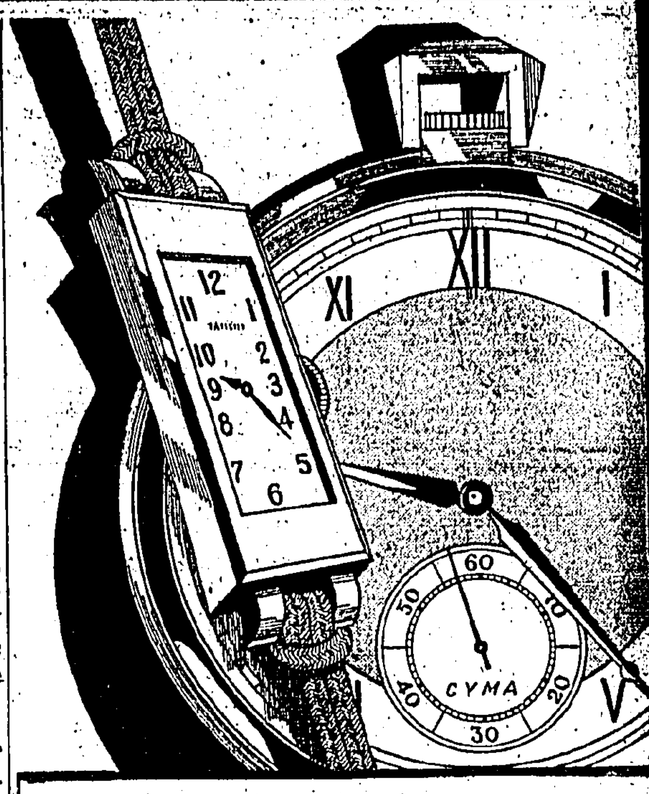

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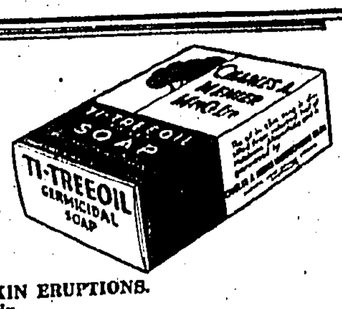

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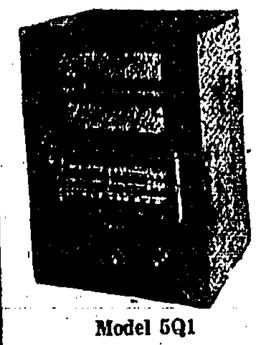

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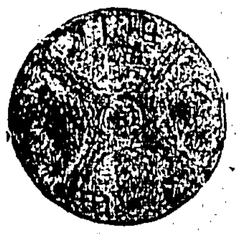

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BEDTIME STORIES for Hong Kong People

Men of Executive Habits And Imposing Mien Have Taken To Neglecting Business While They Sit In the Hotel Lounge, Imperturbable And Full of Poise, and Decide Who The Spies Are.

By "BOBBY" WADE

JUST as an unbiased Hong Kong observer watching spy-hysteria run rampant as passion in Hollywood during this war and all the taipans playing amateur-agent with imaginary numbers while they pretend the missionaries are out for sabotage and all the gimlet drinkers spies, one likes to imagine what sort of stories we shall hear when it is all over.

Up the coast and behind us is a war, and Hong Kong is the dress-circle we watch it from, with our attention divided between the audience and the play.

Intellectually speaking, some of the box-seats are filled with nudists.

However the act must be interesting and the spectators attentive, for Hong Kong has caught the fever. Exporters of wood oil and fake jade are talking in terms of flank movements and logistics, compradores are suspecting their coolies and coolies spreading rumours about their compradores.

Men of executive habits and imposing mien have taken to neglecting business while they sit in the Hong Kong lounge, imperturbable and full of poise as an Earl from a Wodehouse novel, and decide who the spies are and what ought to be done wtih them.

Weighing everything on the scale of intelligence versus fact, it isn't hard to look ahead and dream a story like this someday:

An air of drowsy peace hung over the Hong Kong Club, and as the venerable old General, slightly reminding one of von Hindenburg, stared gloomily out at the crowds pouring forth from the Kowloon subway opening, he reflected, there were few places left in Hong Kong now where this air could be found.

"Gone to hell," was the way the General expressed it. No Star Ferries anymore, no place to get Chinese chow, and only the Hong Kong Club where a man could go for a spot of tea and a doze.

Since Sir William bought the Gloucester for a town house the downstairs lounge and the eighth floor bar were accessible by invitation only, and after that American airplane salesman retired in '41 and bought the Lido for a private beach and two-thirds the New Territory for a game reserve, well, there just wasn't anyplace left for men without membership cards or a letter from the owner.

Somehow the General's thoughts seemed to be going into and beyond the opening of the bustling Kowloon tube, back to dead days of glory and colour and Sun Yat-sen. By God, men were men then, not like these youngsters!, and he looked at the billiard table and shuddered.

Two lads of somewhere between thirty and forty were making more noise than a field-piece, but what could one expect of these parvenu, tradespeoples' sons, and the usually benevolent old bull-dog shrugged his shoulders.

In spite of his ferociousness he had a heart as big as an observation balloon. Better forgive and forget, live and let live, that was his motto in the twilight of life, and he beamed an ocular pardon and blessing on the two billiard-playing sons of the grafters of the war of '37 to '42, and then he settled deeper in his over-stuffed armchair and mused: "How nice it would be to see a junk again!"

"In fact," the General went on, "how nice it would be to see anything that was far away from the Hong Kong Club with it's confounded blinkin' noise in the billiard corner and, that Australian in the bar telling how, thanks to him, Chiang Kai-shek had chased the Japanese out of the sky.

"If you went in the lounge for a nap you had to listen to Miltone-Smythe, the oldest member, tell of the signal services he had rendered the colony in those grave and memorable years when spies were thicker than rickshaws, the intelligence service in a coma, and the counter-espionage about as dependable as the Air Mail service.

As he mused the old General drifted off into his habitual pre-tea snooze. The electric fans overhead had a soothing and familiar sound, like the drone of bombers, minutes marched past like an endless column of infantry and all was well with the world.

That is to say, the General was dreaming of a war, a small, smooth-running one, not too big, because when they get too big they lose the personal touch and sort of get out of hand.

Of course in the course of this "dream-fracas" between rival lords there were minor inconveniences, like petty intrigues and the rumour of a sickness in camp called "Squeeze," but all in all the dream was a pleasant one and the campaign was going nicely until someone threw a monkey-wrench in the works.

Without opening his eyes the General collected himself enough to listen awhile and see if whoever was talking was worth waking up for.

A monotonous voice went on: ". . . . . that is the way it has always been with us when we're in a pinch, the lower classes don't care and the upper classes feeling so dashed secure they won't bother.

No sir, it's someone from the staunch upper-middle class that saves us every time. Where would China be? and Hong Kong, if it hadn't been for me? And what did I get for it, I ask you? The D.S.C.? No sir! The bally bounders were so enraged at me for showing up their utter incompetence and blithering stupidity I didn't even get thanked for wrecking the greatest net-work of espionage since Mata Hari.

I saw how things were going. Sitting in the Gripps, that was the small Gripps then, I used to sip my gimlet and watch the coming and goings of all the queer blokes that came to Hong Kong with the war.

There was one fellow in particular. You could tell he was a spy by looking at him, at least I could.

He was always bustling about and never seeming to be doing anything in particular. One day it came to me like a dream: No one else was awake, but it had been given to me to see him for what he was, and my mission was to expose him.

Never having been trained for this sort of a job I knew I must keep my wits about me and proceed with the most extraordinary cunning.

Naturally, I was at first overwhelmed by the enormity of the task before me.

That I had been chosen to undo a man who to-date had eluded the vigilance of the secret agents of three countries I could only attribute to my sincerity and innate keenness of wit.

He must be ruined by fair means or foul. I started out by shadowing him and within a week I was rewarded by a most satisfying bit of knowledge on following him up the Peak in a taxi.

It was evident from the start that he was trying to hide his ultimate destination, but I was not to be lost.

When he stopped I gasped with amazement at the gate he gave a hurried look to either side of before entering.

A more suspicious soul than mine might have made the mistake of starting a scandal, but my reasoning went deeper than that. There could only be one solution: A lovely and patriotic lady was also in her own way trying to serve our precious colony by luring this viper onto the one battlefield a man is never completely master of.

My heart beat with pride and admiration at this supreme sacrifice as I turned to retrace my steps to the Hong Kong lounge for a gin and tonic-water. At the door of the Peak tram I raised my eyes to our green crown of mountain above me and said: "They shall not pass! Will glory o' England ever die as long as we've lasses like this?"

I felt, and quite rightly of course, that I must use my own discretion as to the methods to be employed in fulfilling the task I had undertaken. This was no petty informer with whom I was matching wits, but the ace of an international web leading into the very shadow of our Governor's Palace.

Through the telegraph and cable office I was able to check up on his cables to America, which ran as follows:

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No. 2. Please underline wire two hundred.

No. 3. Broke.

No. 4. American Express Hong Kong.

No. 5. Ditto as per cable before last don't know how it happened.

The meaning of these cipher telegrams I have never been able to work out. Perhaps a less brilliant strategist than myself would have spent valuable weeks trying to break them down, but not me.

I determined to put a stop to his sources of information so that he couldn't send any more.

When I saw him drinking with an aviator from Chungking I called the young man aside and warned him, and bally grateful he was too. Others were incredulous, angry, calm, or of my own opinion, but regardless of what their reaction was they cannot say I did not warn them.

This way I should make him desperate, by limiting his activities I should force his hand and bring him to betray himself. Just give a man enough rope you know, or pull one too tightly about his neck; haw haw.

One day he crumpled an unfinished letter and threw it in a waste-basket, secure in the feeling that it was unsigned, but I acquired it and read:

"Dear Bunnie:

You should be here too. It's just as lively as Aden and not nearly as expensive as London. sitting in the Hong Kong lounge watching the different races and colours pass is just like the House of all Nations, only the people there are so much nicer . . . . . "

That was as far as he had gone, but I saw at once that Aden also and London itself had not escaped this plot, which quite evidently had its roots in Geneva.

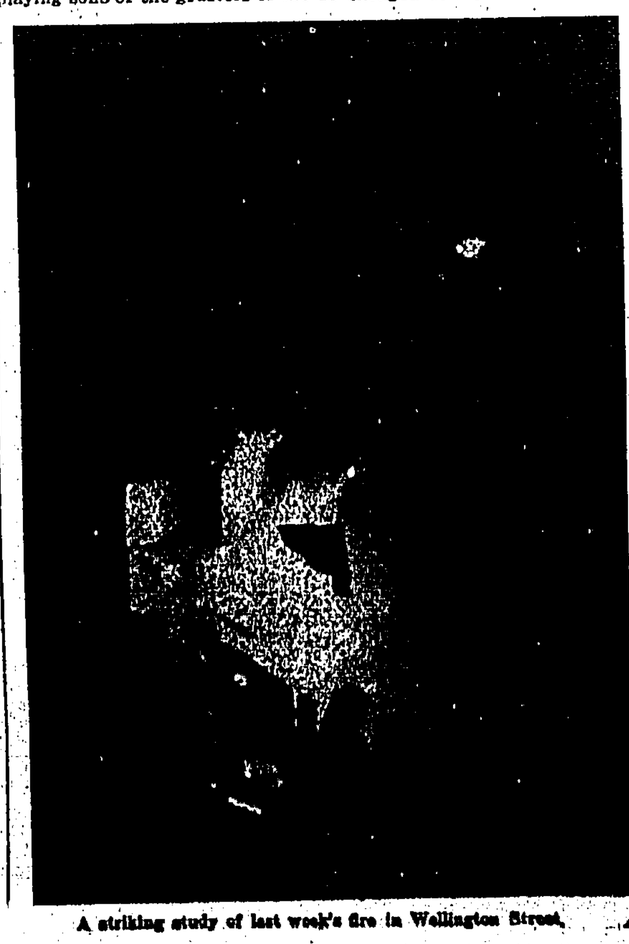
The lady on the Peak seemed to realise this also for her zeal seemed to be gaining momentum with my own, and knowing, perhaps better than she, the grave personal danger this would place her in, I deemed it my duty to keep an eye on both of them from now on.

It was then I discovered both of them were spies.

Well, you know how we are; much too lenient. I weighed my next move carefully. Should I turn them over to our own intelligence authorities there would be endless proceedings of red-tape and expense, and in the end they would probably suffer no more than expulsion from the colony and would wreak their mischief elsewhere.

No, that was definitely not the course to take. Justice such as our civil and military courts conceive it is never swift and seldom sure. Slowly an idea formed in my brain, almost diabolic in its cunning and in simplicity and effectiveness astounding.

I turned my evidence over to the lady's husband."



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SECRET OF REVOLT AGAINST GEN. FRANCO AND ITALIAN LEGIONS

Big Spy Ring Disclosed By San Sebastian Incident

NURSES JOIN "KEEP FIT" MOVEMENT — Nurses at Moorfields Eye Hospital are enthusiastic about the "Keep Fit" classes which have just started at the hospital and full attendances are the rule. Photo shows some of the nurses under supervision of Ruby Markillie, an ex-mayoress of Camberwell, watched by other nurses.

Italians Found Shot And Hanged: Il Duce Annoyed

Paris, Yesterday.

The march of events in Nationalist Spain is having a great effect on the situation in Europe generally. In fact, this is so marked that should the offensive launched by Franco not succeed — it is on the cards that Mussolini may alter all his plans. He has been exasperated by what has happened in the Franco camp.

There have been delays in launching the big offensive on which he counted for gaining a smashing victory in a few weeks. He would have liked the overthrow of the Spanish Republic to coincide with the arrival of Mr. Neville Chamberlain in Rome.

Plans Of Big Offensive

According to reliable information on the incident of the British Vice-Consul at San Sebastian, it seems that the Vice-Consul actually had in his case the plans of this Franco offensive, which was originally to have been launched on the morning of December 15, and to have been backed by an Italian air offensive of a strength previously unsuspected.

If such a document had been published it is clear that Italy's position at the time of Mr. Chamberlain's Rome trip would have been particularly difficult, and Franco's position in the future would have been more than compromised.

These plans were actually supplied to the Republicans by a Nationalist Colonel and by several officers who had come in the night disguised as peasants.

PUBLIC OPINION

The chief point of interest is that this incident has proved to responsible quarters in France to what extent Franco's supporters in Spain are demoralised and split up.

It was not only 1,200 people who ought to have been arrested by the Burgos authorities as being involved in espionage, but thousands, for public opinion on Franco's side is turning fast in favour of the Republican Government.

The Franco Catholics cannot bear the Minister of the Interior, Ferrano Suner, who is Franco's brother-in-law and who is hand-in-glove with Berlin. The Vatican's anti-Hitler policy has not been reported by Franco. Spanish priests are forbidden to make the least criticism against Hitler's policy. Still less are they allowed to repeat any of the Pope's condemnations of Hitler.

RADIO PROPAGANDA

And by way of revenge Ferrano Suner is flooding the radio with the speeches of Goebbels, Rosenberg and Himmler on racial and anti-Christian policy.

Quarrels between the "Requetes" and the "Phalangists" (both on Franco's side) are sharper than ever.

The arrangement by which Prince Juan, son of ex-King Alfonso, was to be made King of Spain, has lowered Franco in the eyes of those who were still loyal to him, for they thought him a moderate but certain Republican.

That is why, amongst all classes, an immense spy organisation has been formed in Nationalist Spain. It extends from the humblest peasants to the highest officers.

SECRET RADIO

It is working in the lines on the Estramadura front and in the Pyrenees. Pamphlets and leaflets are being distributed, and, by means of small radio transmitters, both the Republicans and the civil population of Franco Spain are being told the course of events.

Finally, an important report prepared by the Gestapo and another by the Italian secret police has informed Rome and Berlin of Franco's real position.

Besides this, in an official communique after the Ebro offensive, it has been admitted for the first time that *"the Republican troops crossed the Ebro with the help of our civilian population."*

The fact that the very highest of Franco's officers are to be found in a great spy organisation stops all co-operation amongst the chiefs of the Nationalist army who do not know whom to trust. Anti-foreign feeling is growing daily. In Spanish towns where there are Italian garrisons, special protection patrols have been formed to protect Italian soldiers or officers.

ITALIAN PRECAUTIONS

In the countryside it is becoming a common thing to find Italian soldiers hanged or shot. Strict orders have been given to Italian officers never to go out except in parties of four or six, and always to be fully armed.

Positive result of the San Sebastian incident are considerable. The offensive of Dec. 15 having been prevented, Franco realised that he was betrayed.

This inaction so angered the Duce and Berlin that the offensive of Dec. 23 had to be launched at all costs. The attack was made on Barcelona on four fronts, but as Franco's troops are not to be relied on, it is the Italians who have had to go into the front line.

GRUESOME TALES REACH HENDAYE

Hendaye, Yesterday.

Gruesome tales of events in Franco Spain — events which caused the temporary postponement of the rebel offensive against Catalonia—and accounts of the existence of a virtual state of siege at Burgos and in parts of the Basque country, are finding their way across the frontier.

Travellers returning from Spain agree that hatred of the Italians and other foreign troops in Franco's army plays a great part in the acute discontent which now prevails.

HANGED ON TREES

About ten days ago rebel patrols making their rounds on the outskirts of Burgos found 45 dead men hanging from trees alongside one of the main roads from the city.

All the dead were Italian soldiers who had been waylaid at night and "executed."

Over 750 arrests are believed to have been made in Burgos alone, including a large number of officers, most of whom belonged to the 11th Regiment of Artillery.

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London, Yesterday.

Sir Malcolm Campbell has issued a public notice stating that he:—

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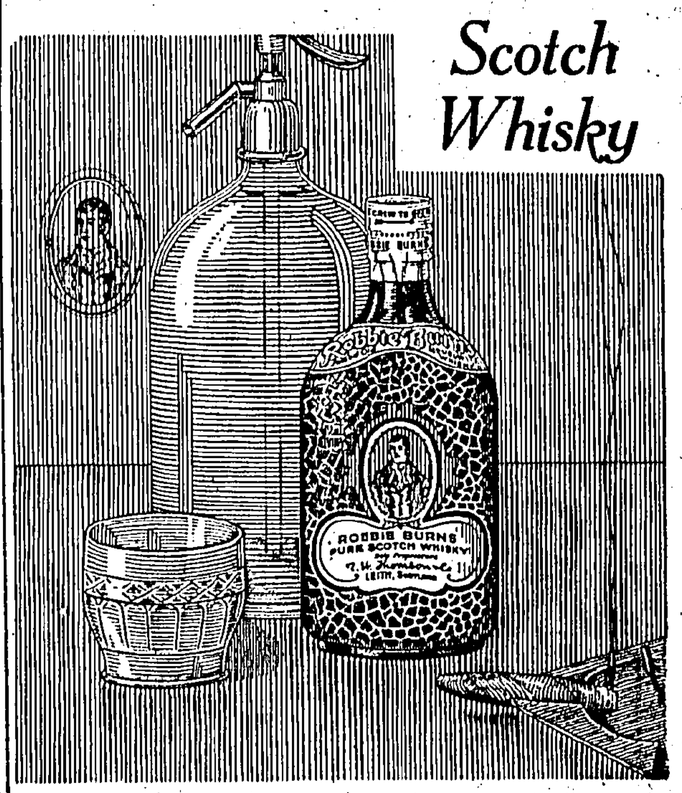

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New York, Yesterday.

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"The Dictator" is the title. It will be all-talking. Chaplin will play both his old character and a new one, in which he will be "seen and heard for the first time."

Chaplin has written the film himself.

Production starts this month. And that is as far as Chaplin will go. Plot implications and tricks are secrets, but Hollywood has heard that Chaplin is going to guy dictatorships with a mistaken identity plot in which an inoffensive little Jew will get mixed up in a situation that makes him dictator, while the real dictator is banished.

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AUSTRALIAN GIRL STUBBORN

London, Yesterday.

Love means more than riches to Miss Gwendy Shoring, lovely 18-year-old daughter of an Australian millionaire.

To prove it she has defied her father, and is looking for a job in London so that she may become independent and marry the man she loves.

She has given up everything for her sweetheart—a handsome 19-year-old cook's assistant at a Dirrabandie (Australia) sheep station.

Some weeks ago her father, Mr. Edward Shoring, sheep farmer and gold-mine magnate, brought her to London in the hope that the trip would make her forget her romance.

The plan misfired.

When Mr. Shoring sailed for Australia at Christmas, his daughter eluded him at the docks and, against his wishes, stayed behind in London.

Once Gwendy has made good in a career she is determined to return to Australia and rejoin her sweetheart.

ANGRY FATHER

She told me her love story at a flat near Regent's Park where she is now staying.

"Since I was 14," she said, "I have spent my summer holidays at Dad's sheep station at Dirrabandie.

"There I met Chris Starling, who is employed as a cook's assistant.

"We used to go riding together. We found we had a common interest in music. Chris wrote me lyrics; I set them to music. We fell deeply in love.

"Dad was furious when he heard about it. That's why he rushed me to London. He thought the trip would make me forget Chris."

A smile lit Miss Shoring's face as she described how she had "escaped" when her father was about to take her back to Brisbane.

"We were going to the docks together in a taxi," she said.

HIS LOVE LYRICS

"Dad was laying down the law that if I communicated with Chris again he would cut off my allowance. Then I had an inspiration.

"I shouted to the taxi-driver to stop, then darted out of the taxi before Dad could stop me, and ran up a side street.

"So Dad had to go back to Brisbane without me."

During the past week Miss Shoring has been making a tour of the theatrical agencies in the hope of getting a job in the chorus.

"Up to now, as an only child, I have had everything I wanted, just by asking.

"But I want to earn my own living so that I can be independent and marry the man of my choice."

Meanwhile, Miss Shoring continues to write to Chris, sending him music for his love lyrics.

FANTASTIC LEGENDS ABOUT CABARET DANCER

Geneva, Yesterday.

Many legends, some of them fantastic in the extreme, are being woven around the former cabaret dancer, Virginia Capt, who was arrested here a few days ago on suspicion of espionage for various foreign Powers, including Italy.

At the moment of her arrest the prisoner is now alleged to have had concealed about her person the miniature model of a new kind of weapon of extraordinary explosive capacity, which, it is stated, would prove of special use in countering tank attacks.

This weapon is alleged to have been invented by an engineer in Berne, and was about to be sold to the representative of a foreign Government in Paris through the medium of Virginia Capt.

It is not explained why the dancer chose the roundabout method of taking the model by motor-car, via the French frontier town of Annemasse, where she was well known, instead of simply boarding the Berne-Paris or Lausanne-Paris express. Moreover, the sale of an invention of military value can hardly be called espionage.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lam Wing Sui who were married at the Supreme Court last week. (Bann's Studio).

Wealthy Countess Rescued

TWO YEARS IN HANDS OF SWINDLER

Nice, Yesterday.

A mystery which had baffled French police for two years—the kidnapping of a wealthy seventy-four-year-old countess — was solved, it has just been disclosed, with the arrest here on Christmas Eve of thirty-eight-year-old Jean Charpentier, fugitive swindler who was sentenced in his absence last June to twenty years' hard labour for bankruptcy frauds.

The old woman, widowed Countess de Mesnager de But, was found by police who arrived to search Charpentier's home, the Villa Florida, Nice.

When the officers discovered her identity they arrested also two women who declared they were looking after the countess.

Lucien was the name by which the countess knew her kidnapper. "Lucien Jean" was the alias under which Charpentier operated his frauds.

He is alleged to have kidnapped the countess from her home, the Chateau de Kerleon, in Brittany, at Christmas 1936.

Papers at the villa showed that Charpentier had been living on the income from a trust fund left for the countess by her husband. He had sold some of her property, and had been running a string of racehorses.

The countess told the police: "Lucien looked after me very well. I signed any cheques he asked me to."

One of the women arrested at the villa is said to be Charpentier's aunt. She is being held for questioning.

The other, Madeleine David, ex-hotel cashier, said she believed Charpentier to be a nephew of the countess. "He engaged me as her companion," she said. "We toured every province in France before we settled at Nice. Lucien paid more than a thousand pounds for the villa."

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M. DALADIER CONCLUDES TOUR

Important Military Conference To Wind Up In Algiers

JAMAICAN WITH CHINESE NAME

A Jamaican, George Gilbert, alias Yu Kat-chuen, 19, was sentenced to one month's hard labour by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen yesterday at Kowloon when he pleaded guilty to stealing a bicycle.

Det.-Sgt. Soutar, said the bicycle was parked alongside the pavement at the junction of Lai Chi-kok Road and Marple Street at 8.30 a.m. on Friday. Five minutes later it was missing.

Shortly afterwards, the owner noticed the bicycle being ridden by accused along Lai-Chi-kok Road.

SECOND VIOLENT ATTACK

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, Chan Kam, 18, tailor, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. T. J. Houston for inflicting grievous bodily harm upon a hawker, Yeung Hon-fuk, in Stanley Street on Friday.

Complainant accidentally dropped a cigarette end on defendant's head. He attacked the man with a knife.

Defendant had a previous conviction for a similar offence.

Retreat will be played by the Band of the 2nd Bn: The Royal Scots, on the Hong Kong Cricket Club Ground, on Tuesday, 10th and Friday, 27th January, 1939, at 5 p.m.

Learning ski-ing indoors in a London studio.

NEW TERRITORIES SHOW CANCELLED

The annual show organised by the New Territories Agricultural Association which was to have been held yesterday and to-day, has unavoidably had to be abandoned.

As a result of the situation caused by the large number of refugees in the New Territories, entries were slow in coming in, and the Committee of the Association reluctantly decided to suspend the show for one year.

Captain R. Paterson, of the Seaforth Highlanders, at present in Shanghai, arrived in the Colony in the s.s. Chitral.

Problems Of The Day Cannot Be Solved By War

Paris, Yesterday.

The French Premier, M. Daladier, has left Algiers in the cruiser "Foch," accompanied by the cruiser "Colbert." The Government party is expected to arrive at Toulon to-day.

"Le Soir" attributes considerable importance to a military conference which took place yesterday afternoon in Algiers, with M. Daladier presiding, at which the Governor-General of Algiers, the Resident-General of Morocco, General Nogues, the Commandant of the 19th Army, the Commander-in-Chief of the North African Air Force and the Commander-in-Chief of the Naval Force of Algiers and Morocco were present.

In the course of a luncheon given by the Governor-General in honour of M. Daladier the latter said that, if necessary, France would not hesitate to fight for her freedom and for the freedom of all peoples.

The blood of French soldiers in the Great War was not shed for France alone but also for all her Allies including those who now appeared to have forgotten this fact.

CRY "HALT"!

France desired peace because she knew that the great problems of the present day could not be solved by war. But if the peaceful ideal should be interpreted as sign of weakness then it would be necessary to cry "Halt."

France had made great sacrifices in the cause of peace.

The Premier concluded: "If we have made those sacrifices, it should be known that we shall oppose any attempts, whether direct or indirect, whether by violence or cunning, to destroy the integrity of our Empire with a determination and energy which nothing in the world can break."

At the conclusion of the speech, which was enthusiastically cheered, the whole audience joined in singing the Marseillaise.—Trans-Ocean.

ITALIAN PROTEST

Rome, Yesterday.

Referring to the protest of the Italian Consul-General in Tunis with the French Resident-General, the Italian press alleges continuous anti-Italian demonstrations and says that Italians are still waiting in vain for punishment of those responsible for the profanation of the Italian flag.

According to a Tunis report of the "Popolo di Roma," the windows of several Italian shops were smashed during recent demonstration and Italian flags torn from the building of the Franco-Italian Bank.—Trans-Ocean.

HEROIN PILLS FOUND IN RAID

Before Mr. T. J Houston at the Central Magistracy yesterday, a 54-year-old unemployed was charged with possession of 29,691 heroin pills and with keeping a divan at No. 19 Aberdeen Street.

Revenue Officer Stephens said that with a party of officers he raided the premises on December 30, and found the pills hidden inside the kitchen.

Defendant was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour and a fine of $2,500 or a further six months.

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INSURANCES
Canton Ins. $210 b.
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SHIPPING
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DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.
H. K. and K. Wharves $115½ b., $115 sa.
H. K. Docks (Old) $18½ b.
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Providents (Old) $6.35 b., $6.40 sa.
Providents (Now) $6.10 b.
MINING
Antamoks Ps. .53 sa.
Atoks Ps. .30 sa.
Baguio Gold Ps. .25½ sa.
Benguet Consol. Ps. 14.10 sa.
Coco Grove Ps. .53 sa.
Consolidated Mines Ps. .003 sa.
Demonstrations Ps. .28½ sa.
I. X. L. Ps. .63 sa.
Paracale Gumaus Ps. .13 sa.
San Mauricio Ps. 1.88 sa.
Suyoc Consol. Ps. .20 sa.
United Parncales Ps. .71 sa.
LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.
H. K. and S. Hotels $7.05 b., $7.15 s., $7.05 sa.
H. K. Lands $37 b., $37½ s.
Humphreys $8½ b.
H. K. Realties $5.40 b., $5.70 s.
PUBLIC UTILITIES
H. K. Tramways $17½ b., $17.70 s., $17.60 sa.
Yaumati Ferries (Old) $22½ b.
China Lights' cum. rts. $9.70 s.
China Light Rights $3½ b., $3.65 s., $3.60 sa.
Rights $3½ b., $3.65 s., $3.60 sa.
H. K. Electrics $58 b., $58½ s.
Macao Electrics $17 b., $17½ s., $17¼ sa.
Sandakan Lights $10 b.
Telephones (Old) $24 s., $23½ sa.
INDUSTRIALS
Cements $16.80 b., $17¼ s., $16¾ sa.
H. K. Ropes $3.95 b.
STORES, &C.
Dairy Farms $24/10 b.
Watsons $8.05 b., $8¼ s.
MISCELLANEOUS
Entertainments $7 b.
Constructions $1¾ s.
H. K. Govt. 4% Loan 6%pm. b.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) s/- 16/9 b.
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BRITISH FUND DONATIONS

Following is the latest list of subscriptions received to date for credit of The British Fund for Relief of Distress in China, Hong Kong and South China Branch:

Grandview Athletic Club, $127.07, Hong Kong Printing Society $50, Hong Kong Timber Guild $500, Messrs. Chang Sing Shun Lee $200, R. A. Z. $5, Rev. and Mrs. G. K. Carpenter $30. Total $404,613.08.

ANOTHER RELIEF ASSOCIATION

The Canton University Students' Relief Association has been established in Hong Kong with its main object the promotion of philanthropic work. The Association is shortly giving a musical entertainment in aid of refugees and wounded soldiers.

CHEAPER MONEY

London, Yesterday.

Total amount applied for in tenders for £25,000,000 Treasury Bills was £60,285,000. Average rate per cent. for Bills at three months was 11/0.08d against 13/8.88d a week ago.—British Wireless.

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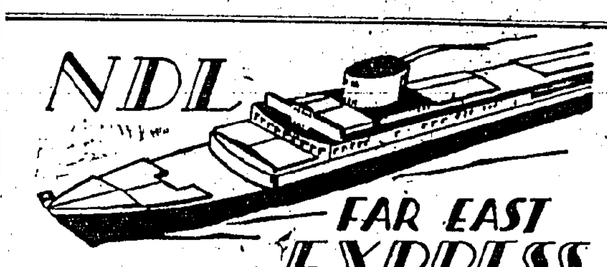

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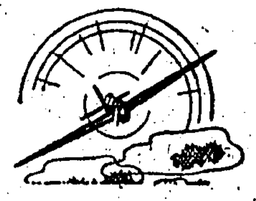

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FOUR TEST CRICKETERS TO RETIRE?

Strain Of English Tour Revealed

O'Reilly's Nerves "Frayed"

Fingleton Drops Bombshell

(By AIR MAIL)

AUSTRALIAN cricket followers are shocked by the news, reported by J. H. Fingleton in the "Sydney Sun," that four of the leading members of the last Australian team may temporarily retire from first-class cricket. Fingleton also hints that W. J. O'Reilly may give up the game, unless he recovers his zest for cricket.

The players, all of New South Wales, are:—

W. J. 'Reilly.

S. J. M'Cabe (vice-captain of the Test touring team).

A. G. Chipperfield.

J. H. Fingleton.

The strenuous nature of the English tour is, it is understood, partly responsible, though in M'Cabe's case it is pointed out that he was not in the best of health while in England.

McCabe has had an attack of ptomaine poisoning, which kept him out of the last Test, and he has been advised by his doctor to go to the country for complete rest. He is not likely to play again this season.

As regards the other three, Fingleton says that O'Reilly, Chipperfield, and himself are not likely to play again this season.

TEAM OVERWORKED

Referring to O'Reilly, Fingleton attributes his decision to the particularly hard work he had to do in England. O'Reilly's nerves, Fingleton says, are frayed after a year's continuous cricket.

"I would not like to say at this juncture that O'Reilly will retire completely from first-class cricket," he adds, "but I may say that O'Reilly appreciates fully what lies ahead of him in cricket should he want to return. Only the future will show whether O'Reilly's holiday will restore his zest for the game."

Fingleton says that he and Chipperfield would also probably retire for the rest of the season at the same time as O'Reilly.

It is pointed out that soon after his return from England, O'Reilly publicly said that the Australians were overworked on that tour.

O'Reilly was warmly supported by other Australian players, including the former Australian captain, W. M. Woodfull, who suggested that the matches against the Universities, and against the three lowest counties in the previous season's County Championship, should be cut down from three to two days.

Shortening Bradman's Career

I. J. Siedle, former South African Test cricketer, thinks that Australia may be shortening Don Bradman's career by making him captain in the Tests.

"Our own captains will tell you," he says, "that a tour in England literally puts years on them. I remember that H. G. Deane turned quite grey with the worry and responsibility of the 1929 tour, and after we left England in 1935 Herbert Wade retired to his cabin for peace and quiet, and actually stayed there for over a week."

Siedle thinks that the strain on Bradman during the last played-to-a-finish Test at the Oval against England must have been terrific, and that his foot would probably not have been injured if he had not been captain. He would certainly not have been called upon to bowl.

TO-DAY'S CRICKET

Weather permitting, the following will represent Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps against Hong Kong University this afternoon at Pokfulam, commencing at 2 p.m. sharp: A. C. Beck (Capt.), K. M. Baxter, F. A. Broadbridge, R. T. Broadbridge, F. A. Dunnett, R. H. Griffiths, T. A. Madar, W. L. McKenzie, H. A. Namak, A. L. M. Soares and A. Zimmern.

Having successfully passed his sports professor's licence a couple of weeks ago, Henri Cochet, one of France's famous "Four Musketeers" has taken up his new duties. He is now teaching Paris youngsters all the secrets of the game. Our photo shows Cochet giving his first lesson to his new class at the Paris tennis stadium. (Copyright Fox).

HARVEY NOT SATISFIED WITH GAINS FIGHT TERMS

(By AIR MAIL)

London, December 23.

MR. Sydney Hulls, boxing promoter, announced that he is prepared to offer a purse of £4,000, with the option of 50 per cent. of the gate, for a contest between Len Harvey and Larry Gains for the Empire heavyweight boxing championship.

Mr. Hulls suggests that the purse be divided—60 per cent. to the winner and 40 per cent. to the loser, and that the contest be held in London late in January or in February.

Gains is willing to accept the offer, but Harvey stated last night that he had not been approached, and knew nothing about it. "I certainly would not agree to splitting the purse in the proportion suggested," he said. "I happen to be the British heavyweight champion, and I think I am the one who should take the major share.

"I am not adopting a course out of the ordinary. Any champion would demand what I do as his right. Until I am approached with an offer which suits me, and not other people, I prefer not to say definitely what I might do.

"There are two Canadians, Gains and Al Delaney, who are seeking a fight with me for the Empire title. I suggest that they should settle between them who is the better, the winner to meet me."

Harvey revealed that two London men, who have not previously been connected with boxing, but who have a desire to promote a fight, have approached him and have begun negotiations. "They have the money to start such a venture, and they also have the place in which to hold a big contest," added Harvey.

Gains's manager said last night, "On behalf of Gains I accept the offer, and am ready to sign articles within the next 24 hours. Neither man is the Empire champion, so I think the division of the purse as suggested by Mr. Hulls is the only fair solution."

KOWLOON TONG BOWLS CHAMPION BEATEN 21 TO 12

The following are the results of matches played in the Kowloon Tong Club Winter Lawn Bowls Tournament to date:—

SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP
First Round

T. M. Gregory beat J. Tang 21—16
A. J. Kew beat C. Mose 21—20.
T. K. Lim beat Y. Abbas 21—19.
N. A. E. Mackay beat A. Spary (holder) 21—12
A. H. Basto beat H. Gittins 21—18
W. J. Howard beat J. N. Wong 21—14
J. L. Stephens beat R. E. Lee 21—7.

Second Round

N. A. E. Mackay beat A. H. Basto 21—19
W. J. Howard beat J. L. Stephens 21—16

SINGLES HANDICAP
Second Round

H. Gittins (scr.) beat R. E. Lee (plus 12) 26—24
J. Tang (plus 8) beat A. J. Kew (scr.) 25—22
T. K. Lim (plus 5) beat W. J. Howard (scr.) 24—14
C. Mose (plus 5) beat A. Spary (scr.) 25—19

PAIRS
First Round

A. H. Basto and R. E. Lee beat J. M. Jack and T. K. Lim 22—17

Second Round

A. Spary and J. Tang beat H. Gittins and Dr. Asger 26—20
Y. Abbas and C. Mose beat A. J. Kew and K. M. Lee 22—21
W. J. Howard and T. M. Gregory beat Dr. Atienza and N. A. E. Mackay 25—15

Rink games are also being played on the American tournament basis. The following are the present standings:—

	P	W	L
A. H. Basto's Rink	2	2	–
V. N. Atienza's Rink	2	1	1
A. Spary's Rink	2	1	1
H. Gittins' Rink	2	–	2

SWEDEN ALL SQUARE WITH GERMANY

Stockholm, Yesterday.

The indoor tennis tournament between Germany and Sweden, for King Gustav's trophy, resulted in a score of one-all following the first day's play.

The German champion, Henner Henkel, defeated Rohlsson 6—4, 3—6, 6—4, 7—5, while Hans Redl, who substituted for the Sudeten German champion, Roderick Menzel, lost to Nystroem 4—6, 4—6, 0—6.—Trans-Ocean.

PAPER CHASE THIS MORNING

An effort is being made to establish a regular paper-chase and this morning the first one will be held under the auspices of European Y.M.C.A., when a trail will be laid over a distance of about eight miles, commencing at the top end of Waterloo Road.

So far only 10 entries have been received, but post entries will be received at European "Y" this morning up to 10 a.m.

The entries to date are: P. Randolph, W. J. Rowles, J. Greenberg, H. Millington, C. Brown, T. Crawford, B. Brenchley, O. Manson, C. Hutchinson and C. McCormick.

The event is open and no charge is being made for entry.

The trail (and false ones) will be laid by Mr. Ferguson and the event will commence as near to 10.30 a.m. as possible.

At the conclusion of the event, prizes for first, second and third places and for those returning red flags marking the course, will be distributed in the West Lounge of European "Y" by Mrs. A. W. Ingram, following which light refreshments will be served.

LADIES' FINAL POSTPONED

Owing to inclement weather, the Final of the Ladies' Lawn Tennis Doubles Championship of the Colony, scheduled to be held this afternoon at United Services Recreation Club, commencing at 3.30 p.m., has been postponed until next Sunday at the same time, when Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu meet Mrs. Skinner and Mrs. Tracey.

(*Continued from next column*)

Had it not been for the exceedingly fine work of John Chen and Francis Tsang, there might have been a very different tale to tell. Against St. Andrew's, for instance, Lee and Ko lost all three games, while Tsang and Chen went through without defeat. Similarly, against Recreio in the first match of the season, the latter pair again went through with a clean record while Lee and Ko again failed.

B. P. C. Fletcher and Peter Lo have done all that could have been expected of them and are improving as a team as they go along.

Nevertheless, Kowloon Tong would be well advised to practice hard. For two years now they have finished well up the list and this year, with reasonable fortune and a certain amount of hard work, there is no reason why they should not finish right at the top.

TWO IMPORTANT GAMES

Two very important matches will be decided this month. On January 16, St. Andrew's entertain St. John's, while on January 30, Kowloon Tong "A" will clash with St. John's in the Cathedral Hall.

KEEN FIGHT FOR BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP

Although the programme has proceeded smoothly and many of the games themselves have been keen and interesting, little has been heard of badminton this season.

One does not have far to go in order to find the reason. With the exception of one division, all sections of the League were virtually decided after the first two or three games and thereafter, as is natural, all interest in these sections waned.

Thus we have University virtual champions of the "A" Division, Recreio virtual champions of the Mixed Division, and the same club, with two powerful teams entered, in a class of its own at the head of the Ladies' League.

Where competition *has* been particularly keen this year is in the Men's "B." With the programme more or less half completed, there are still three teams well in the running, while lower down in the order of things are about four teams, all more or less on a par, who, if the championship is now beyond their reach, have still the prospect of winning an odd game now and again against each other.

THREE MAIN CONTENDERS

Strongest contenders for the title are St. John's (holders), Kowloon Tong "A" and St. Andrew's.

The Saints at first glance might appear to have the slimmest chance, in view of the fact that they are the only team of the three to have lost a match—against Kowloon Tong "A" early in the season.

Latterly, however, they have settled down. Choy was ill early on and only came back into the side recently. Bliss, while deputising for Choy, injured his leg in the match against Kowloon Tong "A" and was a virtual cripple for the remainder of the two games that were unplayed at the time.

Kew has now finally decided on the pairings and the line-up which is likely to serve for the remainder of the season will be:—

H. Kew and E. F. Fincher.
W. C. Choy and F. V. Wong.
A. E. Brown and W. M. Gillis.

PROMISING NEWCOMERS

Three of these players have participated in local senior badminton since its inception and have all, at some time or other, played in representative games. Brown and Gillis, while new to the Colony, are no strangers to the game. Both have played extensively at Home and, if their performance against Wanderers in a League game last Thursday, is any criterion, they will not by any means be the weak link in the side.

Kew and Fincher continue as of old. One of the few pairs in Hong Kong who exploit the side-by-side method of play, it would not be safe to wager against them if they were pitted against the strongest pair in Hong Kong.

Choy and Wong, on paper, should be good and are good to a certain extent, but they have an unfortunate habit of dropping the odd set against fairly weak teams and thus lead one to speculate on what their performance might be against a really strong side.

Nevertheless all the above-mentioned pairs are capable of winning three games against any team, and it would surprise if they do not win the title, their one lapse notwithstanding.

ST. JOHN'S TEAM

Frank Kwok, David Kwok, Norman Smith and Peter Wilson of St. John's require no introduction. All have played with outstanding success for the Cathedral team for some seasons. With Roland Koh and Padre Bennett of last year's championship team away from the Colony, S. Newman and R. Beaven have been introduced in their place. Both are experienced players and, as they partner D. Kwok and F. Kwok respectively, any shortcomings in their games are compensated for by the brilliance and tenacity of the two brothers.

INCONSISTENT PAIR

Kowloon Tong "A" have been the most inconsistent team of the three to date. Not because of their lack of success—they have still to drop a point—but because of the unaccountable failure of R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko, who, on their displays in practice games, should be the best combination in the side. The fact remains, however, they have been the most unsuccessful!

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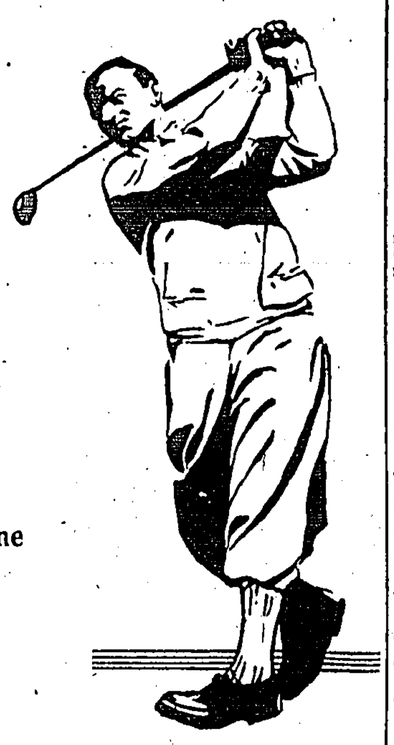

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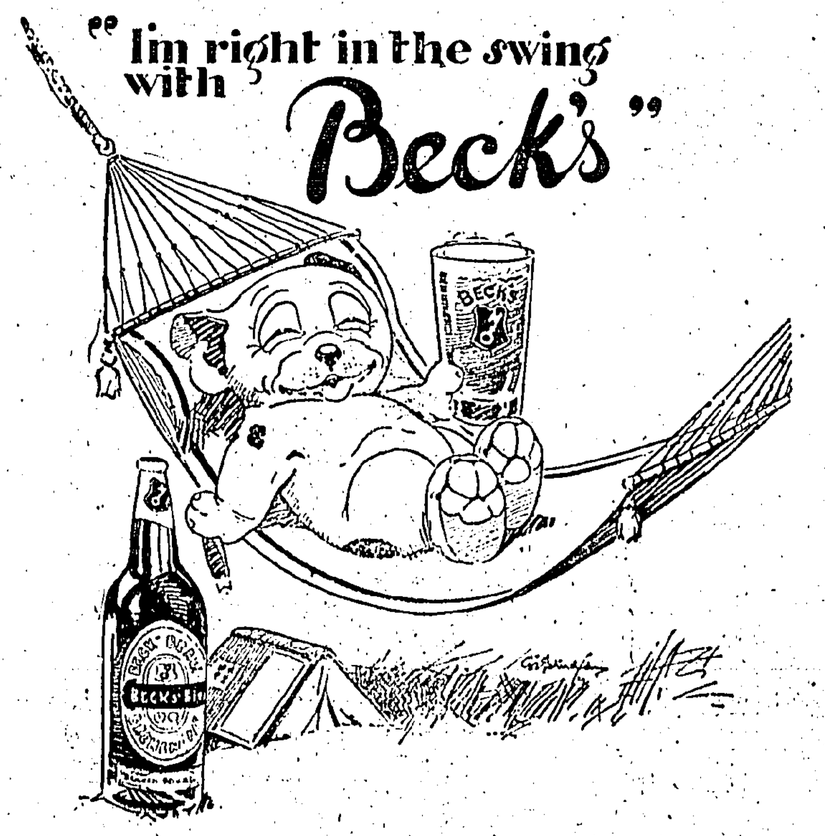

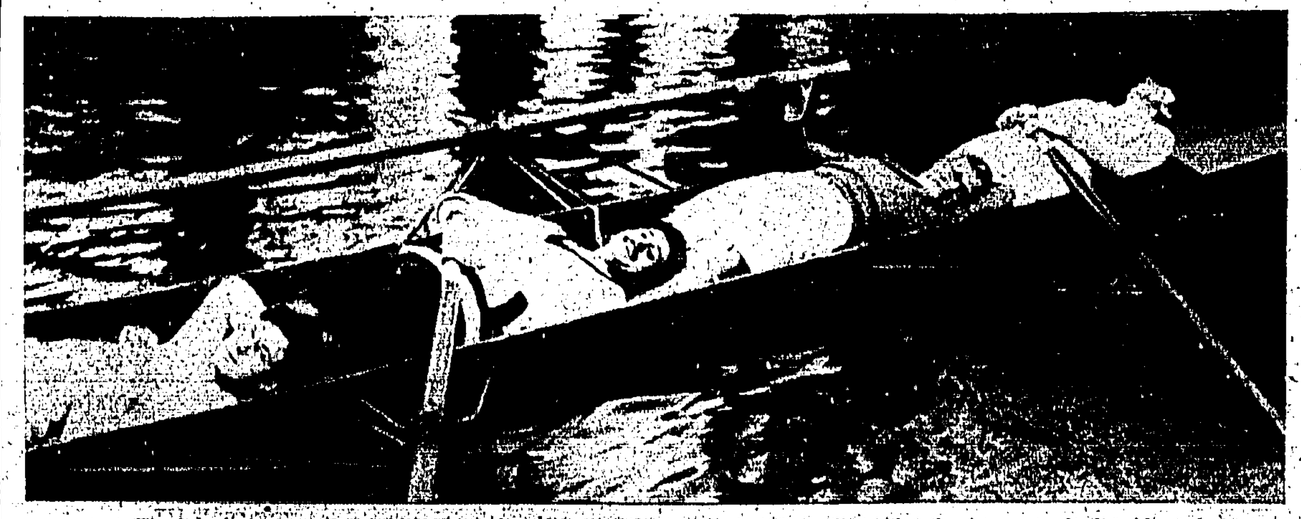

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Club Hockey Teams For This Week

The following teams have been selected to present Hong Kong Hockey Club in matches arranged for this week."

1st XI v. Hong Kong Police, Club ground, at 5 p.m. on Wednesday.

V. M. Benwell; V. C. Bond and E. V. Reed; H. J. D. Lowe, (Capt.), W. A. Reed and N. B. Whitley; S. A. Fowler, T. D. Whitley, E. F. A. Morgan, B. I. Bickford and R. A. Bates.

2nd XI v. 2nd XI of Kumaon Rifles, on Marina ground, at 5 p.m. on Friday.

H. F. Shields; F. H. Stokes and W. G. Schnabel; L. Starbuck, H. J. D. Lowe (Capt.), and W. Brown; W. Spencer, A. H. Pontius, G. D. Woolgar, K. A. Bidmead and I. P. Tamworth.

Umpire—Mr. G. E. R. Divett.

TO-DAY'S HOCKEY

Three matches in the Hong Kong Hockey Association Tournament will be featured to-day. These are as follows:

University v K.I.T.C.
(K.I.T.C., 10 a.m.)
Police "B" v Recreio
(Boundary Street, 10.30 a.m.)
Police "A" v C.B.A.
(Boundary Street, 4 p.m.)

The Fanling Hunt will meet at Lo Wu this afternoon at 2.45 p.m.

Navy Beat Army In Mud Battle

Talbot Gives Elliot Brilliant Service

Hook Excels In Army Back Division When Making Debut In Series

BRILLIANT service by Lt. Talbot from the base of the scrum was instrumental in Royal Navy retaining their 100 per cent. record in the Triangular Rugby Tournament yesterday at Causeway Bay, where they beat Army by a goal and three tries (14 points) to nil in a game played in swamp-like conditions.

At the conclusion of the match, His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, Vice Admiral Sir Percy Noble, congratulated Royal Navy on winning what he considered to be the Blue Riband of local sport, the Triangular Rugby Tournament, and presented the handsome trophy to Lt. W. Elliot, Navy skipper and former England stand-off-half.

Army threequarters' inability to make ground when in possession saw many chances thrown away, although had Boe received better support they might have broken their "duck."

Fine hooking by Witherden and quick heeling saw Talbot obtain the ball much more often than Nealen, but it was his service to Elliot, who displayed a safe pair of hands, that provided the outstanding feature of the game.

Navy made one change from their advertised team, Mid. Carew-Hunt coming into the pack in place of Ldg. Sea. Romans, who injured his knee last Wednesday, while Army made three changes, Lt. Belton and Sgt. Black replacing Cpl. Pratt and Pte. Fergusson respectively as right and left-wing threequarter, while Spr. Pike came into the pack in place of Spr. Appely.

The intra-club match between Colours and Whites, which preceded the Tournament match, had the effect of clearing away the pools that had formed before the afternoon's sport began, but it left a very heavy ground for the senior game.

FINE HANDLING BY NAVY

In spite of the greasy condition of the ball, however, Navy's handling was at times magnificent, while Askwith scored a brilliant second try, changing direction on the slippery surface after a 50-yard run for a score between the posts.

Army's forwards lacked the fire which featured their previous displays, there being only one or two forwards always well up on the ball. Berry, Crawford and Page were very prominent, particularly the first named, who often carried play away from his own 25 as the result of taking the ball at his feet.

The outstanding player on the Army side was Boe. This diminutive centre-threequarter handled very soundly and displayed clever anticipation. He very often relieved pressure on his own goal line as the result of gathering a loose ball and making 30 or 40 yards before finding touch. Unfortunately, he received a bad knock in the second half and was off the field for a short period after which he was not at his best.

Lt. Hook, making his first appearance in the Triangular Tournament, gave a very fine exhibition at right-centre threequarter, being very fast off the mark and always up with a loose ball. Had he received better support in his individual attempts to score, Army might quite easily have had a try or two. Hook rarely wasted a ball when in possession and invariably found touch when confronted with an impossible situation. It is a pity Army did not discover him earlier in the season.

LANG IMPRESSES

Another good performance for Army was given by Lang, at stand-off-half. Although he received poor support from Nealen — through no fault of the latter's, as the ball was rarely heeled by the Army—he contrived to hold up many a dangerous Navy forward movement by cleverly dropping on the ball or finding touch.

Stevens, the Navy back, was again in very good form and saved at least two certain tries by head-on tackling. His kicking was again very sound, while his positioning left little to be desired.

On his form this season, and providing he is in the Colony, there is no one to prevent him from securing the full-back position when Hong Kong meet Malaya early in March.

Excellent backing up and fine handling was again a feature of the Navy's back division.

Skelton and Askwith, the two centres, were very quick off the mark, while Kelly and Hankin, the wingers, were also fast and snapped up their opportunities.

Elliot kicked well, but disappointed in the closing stages, when a little more co-operation with his backs might have resulted in a bigger final score.

Ogle, Darling, Witherden and Griffiths were the pick of the Navy pack, being seen to advantage in the loose, while Witherden, despite his bulk, displayed an amazing turn of speed on one occasion when he all but scored after a solo effort.

HANKIN OPENS SCORING

The game had not been many minutes old when Navy opened their account through Hankin, who scored near the corner flag after evading two poor Army tackles, but Elliot failed to majorise the effort.

Navy pressed from the drop-in and after a few minutes of midfield play, a quick heel saw Askwith in possession, and the Navy centre lost no time in displaying a muddy pair of heels to the Army team, swerving in from the left touchline to score a grand try after a 50-yard run. Elliot added the goal points.

The second half saw Army come near to scoring twice when their forwards took the ball at their feet, but timely interceptions by Talbot and Stevens prevented a score.

Eventually, after 20 minutes play, Elliot broke through on the "blind" side to add Navy's third try, Witherden failing with the goal kick. Just after this Boe tried to break through and was tackled hard, leaving the field with what appeared to be mild concussion.

Navy now held the upper hand, and Skelton completed their tally when Talbot whipped the ball to Elliot from a loose scrum and the ball travelled along the line to Skelton, who raced over wide of the posts. Darling failing with the kick. Boe returned to the field soon afterwards.

NAVY'S 13TH WIN

Triangular Tournament winners have been:
Club (8)—1910; 1913; 1914; 1926; 1930; 1933; 1936.
Garrison XV (2)—1911, 1912.
Royal Navy (13)—1921-1925; 1927-29; 1932; 1934; 1937-8.
Army (2)—1935.
The 1931 series resulted in a triple tie.

but the last minutes saw Army defending stoutly.

Dr. J. A. R. Selby refereed and the teams were:

Royal Navy: Pay. Lt. Stevens (Kent) (1); Ldg. Tel. Kelly (Kent) (2), P. O. Askwith (Dainty) (3), Lt. Skelton (Medway) (4) and Pay. Mid. Hankin (Kent) (5); Lt. Elliot (Eagle) (6) and Lt. Talbot (Medway) (7); Mid. Carew-Hunt (Kent) (8), Mr. Witherden (Duncan) (9), Lt. Boddington (Medway) (10); P. O. King (Tamar) (11), Lt. Darling (Medway) (12); Lt. Ogle (Medway) (13), Lt. Griffiths (Medway) (14) and Sub. Lt. Hain (Eagle) (15).

Army: Lt. Lomax (8th Heavy); Lt. Belton (Loyals), Lt. Hook (8th Heavy), L. Cpl. Boe (Royal Scots), Pte. Black (R. Scots); L. Sgt. Lang (R.A.O.C.); Cpl. Nealon (Royal Scots); L. Sgt. Page (5th Anti-Aircraft), Lt. Crawford (Signals), Captain, Lt. D'Oyly (Royal Scots); Gnr. Evans (5th Anti-Aircraft), Pt. Berry (Middlesex); Pte. Richardson (Seaforths), L. Cpl. Sutherland (Royal Scots), Spr. Appely (Royal Engineers).

FINAL STANDINGS

TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Navy	4	4	0	74	16	8
Club	4	2	2	75	43	4
Army	4	0	4	15	105	0

Walkden Impresses In Club Practice

An interesting intra-Club Rugby match was witnessed on the Causeway Bay ground yesterday, when Colours and Whites shared the spoils, the former scoring a try and a penalty goal (6 points) to two tries (6 points) after leading 6—0 at the interval.

Outstanding player was A. F. Walkden, former Club captain, who made his second appearance this season since his return to the Colony. As a second-row forward for Whites, he was always up with the ball in the loose and tackled resolutely.

J. Hutchison, at stand-off-half for Colours, gave a very fine exhibition, taking the ball cleanly and opening up play whenever possible.

Brown, Whites' full-back, was very cool and collected, although he could improve by finding touch much quicker instead of trying to cover too much ground. MacGrath prevented several scores by falling on the ball, but his kicking was unimpressive.

Although the centres saw plenty of the ball, the wingers rarely came into the picture, Chadwick and Stewart being well-matched against each other and neither being able to make much progress.

Grieve attempted weaving his way through the opposition, but the ground surface beat him. The packs were also fairly well matched, Walkden, Oliphant, Stoker and Taylor shining for Colours, while Watson, Bompas, Dalziel and Davies were the pick of Whites' forwards.

Hutchison opened the scoring with an unconverted try and just before the interval Watson kicked a penalty goal to give Colours a lead of six points. In the second half Burton and Grieve levelled the scores for Whites with two unconverted tries.

Colours: W. M. MacGrath; G. K Chadwick, H. D. Bidwell (Captain), G. S. Wilson and F. M. Thompson; J. Hutchison and J. Redman; K. A. Watson, J. Carey, C. M. Stark; E. A. Bompas, A. G. Dalziel, C. R. Davies and W. B. Richardson.

Whites: J. T. Brown; D. I. Bosanquet, H. Van Leeuwen, W. E. Grieve and D. H. Stewart; F. Cessford and J. R. Henderson; R. G. L. Oliphant, D. Burton, W. Stoker; W. E. Peers, A. F. Walkden; K. H. G. White, A. J. G. Taylor and T. Swan.

Navy Play Malaya On Tuesday, Febuary 7

BECAUSE of ship movements, the programme for the visit of the Malayan Rugby Union team early next month has been slightly altered.

Royal Navy were to have played the visitors on Wednesday, February 8, on the Club ground, but this match has now been brought forward a day and will be played on Tuesday, February 7.

As H. M. S. Medway, H. M. S. Eagle and probably the flagship will be in port at this stage, there is every prospect of the Senior Service being able to field as near as possible their triumphant Triangular Tournament fifteen.

The other two fixtures remain as before, Club meeting Malaya in the first match on Saturday, February 4, and the Combined Colony side encountering the visitors on Saturday, February 11.

All three matches will be played on the Club ground and will in all probability commence at 4.30 p.m. on the week-day and 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

The Malayan Rugby Union team and reserves will be selected following the annual North versus South match, which is being held in Singapore on January 28.

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TODAY'S SOFTBALL

The following is to-day's softball League programme:—

MEN'S

Midgets v C.B.C.
(King's Park, 12.30 p.m.)
Machine Gunners v Filipino Club
(King's Park, 1.45 p.m.)
C.C.C. v C.B.A.
(King's Park, 3 p.m.)

WOMEN'S

C.B.A. v Recreio
(C.B.A., 10 a.m.)
Cardinals v Wildcats
(C.B.A., 11.30 a.m.)
Pirates v Panthers
(Filipino Club, 10 a.m.)

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SOUTH CHINA SOCCER TEAM IN INDO-CHINA

South China Athletic Association football team, at present in Saigon, are facing a strenuous fortnight, for they are due to play five games in Saigon and two in Phnompang.

Seventeen players, under the management of Mr. Mok Hing, are making the trip, which returns the visit paid by the Saigon team at the end of last season.

The team left here on New Year's day and is expected back by January 21, in time for the Semi-Final Round of the Lai Wah Cup competition, but it is understood that Saigon have asked for an extra charity game which, if played, may probably delay the return of the team.

The selection of the Chinese team for the Lai Wah Cup competition will be made on Thursday, and if any players at present on tour are selected they will be informed by wire, so that they will have a chance of returning to the Colony in time for the Cup game.

The following South China players are at present in Saigon:—Choy Wing-choy, Choo Siew-ling, Lee Tin sang, Mak Shui-hon, Lee Kwok-wai Lau Hing-chei, Lau Tin-sang, Lam Tak-po, Lau Tau-man, Lai Shiu-wing, Chan Tak-fai, Yeung Shui-yick, Fung King-cheung, Lau Chung-sang, Tang Kwong-sum, Tse Kam-hung and Kwok Ying-kee.

Leung Wing-chiu, Tam Kwan-kon, Lee Shek-yau, Cheong Moon-wing and Pau Ka-king were unable to obtain leave to make the trip.

STRAITS CHINESE STARS TO PLAY IN COLONY

The *Sunday Herald* learns that the Straits Chinese football team will arrive in the Colony, en route to Manila, where they are scheduled to play several games, on March 4 and will stay here for a few days.

They are endeavouring to arrange three games against Hong Kong teams, one of which is South China, during their stay here.

GERMAN FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP

Berlin, Yesterday.

The German figure skating championship for pairs was won by Maxie Herber and Ernst Baier, who also hold the world and Olympic championships, in the Berlin Sports Palace.—Trans-Ocean News Service.

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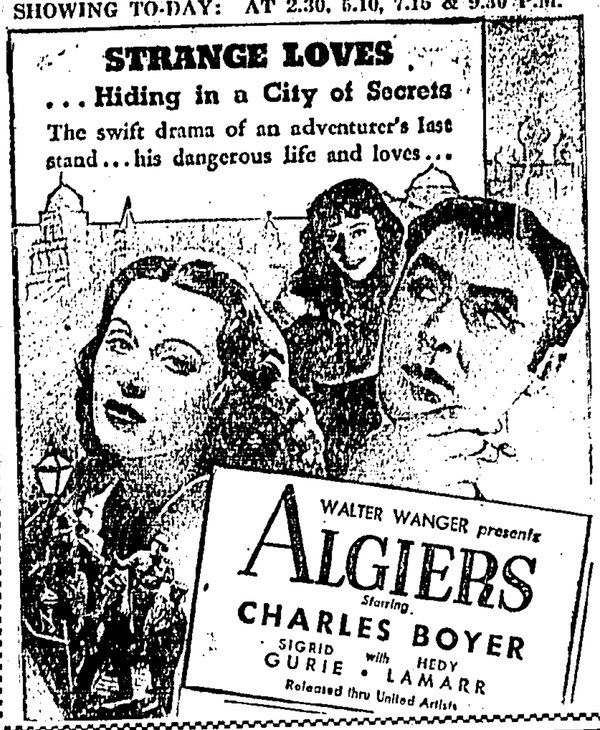

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Piano Recital By Nura Kanis From The Studio

10.30-11.30 a.m.—Relay of Morning Service from the Union Church.

11.30 a.m.-12.15 p.m.—Relay of Morning Service from The Hop Yat Church (Chinese).

12.15 p.m.—The Music of Rachmaninoff including his Concerto No. 2. Prelude In A Flat Major, Op. No. 8. Prelude In A Minor, Op. 32, No. 8. ....Eileen Joyce (Piano).
Polichinelle.
Prelude In B Flat.
....Leff Pouishnoff (Piano).
Concerto No. 2 In C Minor, Op. 18. ....Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano) and the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra cond. by Leopold Stokowski.

1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Richard Crooks (Tenor) and Marek Weber & His Orchestra. Blonde Or Brunette—Waltz (Waldteufel) ....Marek Weber & His Orchestra.

My Song Goes Round The World (Kennedy — May); Smilin' Through (Penn) ..... Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra.

Life In The Vienna Prater (Translateur); Drink, Drink, Brother, Drink—Waltz (Bendix)....Marek Weber & His Orchestra.

You Will Remember Vienna (film 'Viennese Nights'); I Bring A Love Song (film 'Viennese Nights') ..... Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra.

Tales From The Vienna Woods—Waltz (Strauss)....Marek Weber & His Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 p.m.—Bizet's "Carmen" Acts III & IV. Sung by Aurora Buades, Aureliano Pertile, Inez Alcani Telini, Irma Mion, Ebe Ticozzi, Giuseppe Nessi, Aristide Barnechi, Benvenuto Franci and Chorus of La Scala, Milan, with the Milan Symphony Orchestra conducted by Lorenzo Molajoli.

2.30 p.m.—Close down.

7 p.m.—London Relay—Excerpts from Light Opera—"Dorothy" and "Les Cloches De Corneville" with Rose Alper (South African Soprano), Tom Williams (Baritone), The B.B.C. Revue Chorus, The B.B.C. Empire Orchestra, conducted by Clifton Helliwell.

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

8.03 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—'Heart of England'. A programme from the Midlands arranged and produced by Robin Whitworth.

8.20 p.m.—Light Orchestral Concert. Shepherd's Hey (Grainger); Molly On The Shore (Grainger)...Royal Opera Orchestra, Covent Garden. Guest Conductor—Lawrance Collingwood.

International Railroad Express (Descriptive); Polka Frieda:.... Jakov Serebroff's Russian Orch.

The Juggler (Groitzsch)....Joseph Muscant & His Concert Orch.

Neapolitan Folk Song Medley..... Carolina Mandoline Orchestra.

La Violetera (Grainier and Padilla); El Relicario (Padilla)..... Geraldo's Gaucho Tango Orch.

9 p.m.—Studio — Piano Recital by Nura Kanis.

1. Variations on a Russian Dance (Beethoven).
2. A Giddy Girl (Jacquer Tbert).
3. Moment Musical, Op. 16, No. 4 (Rachmaninoff).
4. Goyescas No. 4—Lover and the Nightingale (Granados).

9.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

9.40 p.m.—Schumann—Symphony No. 1 in B Flat Major, Op. 38. Chicago Symphony Orchestra conducted by Frederick Stock.

10.10 p.m.—Organ Music. Traumerei (Schumann). Andantino In D Flat (Lemare). ....Edwin H. Lemare (Organ).

10.20 p.m.—Studio—Sunday Evening Epilogue.

10.30 p.m.—Close down.

BRIDGE NOTES — BY ELY CULBERTSON

An Unusual Type Finesse

IN countless hands, declarer's method of playing one single suit, not necessarily the trump suit, may spell the difference between success and failure. Certain card combinations are baffling to the average player who has not taken the pains to analyze, or study, the "percentage" play. Such a combination is involved in the heart suit in the following hand:

East, dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

S—J 8 6 4
H—J 9 5 2
D—J 4 3
C—A 5

WEST	EAST
S—None	S—K 7 3
H—10 7 6	H—K Q 8
D—10 9 7 5	D—A K. Q.
C—10 8 6 4 3 2	C—Q J 9

SOUTH

S—A Q 10 9 5 2
H—A 4 3
D—8 6
C—K 7

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1 n'trump	Double	2 clubs	Pass
Pass	2 spades	Pass	3 spades
Pass	4 spades	Pass	Pass
Pass			

West opened the ten of diamonds. East overtook with the queen and attempted to cash the king and ace. Declarer ruffed the third round, then entered dummy with the club ace to take the spade finesse. East did not cover the jack, but continued spade leads tracked down the king. Declarer could see then that the success of his game contract depended squarely on holding his heart loss to one trick. The missing K-Q-10 of hearts made any orthodox finesse out of the question. For example, to lead dummy's heart jack through East could not possibly avail because East certainly would cover and, after declarer won with the ace, he would have to concede tricks to the ten and the other high honour. To lead the nine spot from dummy would be equally ineffectual. If East had the ten he would cover and still preserve two heart tricks for his side, whereas if East did not have the ten he would let the nine ride, and declarer would either have to put up the ace or lose to the ten in West's hand. Thus, a heart lead *from dummy* had nothing to recommend it. There was, however, a possible distribution of the heart, honours that could be highly favourable to declarer. That was to find East with the two top honours and West with the ten spot. With nothing to lose and everything to gain, declarer first cashed the king of clubs, then led a low heart toward dummy and, when West played the six, put in dummy's nine. Obviously, East was helpless. He took the queen but could make no return that would win another trick for his side. The king of hearts return would be smothered by the ace, whereas the low heart would be allowed to ride to the jack. The return of either a club or a diamond would permit a heart discard by declarer and a ruff in dummy.

Declarer was fortunate to find a favourable heart distribution but, nevertheless, deserved credit—and got it—for playing the heart combination in the best available manner.

His Excellency the Governor, will be the guest of Commander J. Petrie and officers of the Hong Kong Naval Volunteer Force at the fifth annual dinner of the Force on H.M.S. Tamar on Friday.

Mr. M. G. O'Connor of the Education Department and Mrs. O'Connor returned from leave in the Rajputana.

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MIDDLESEX UNLUCKY TO DROP BOTH POINTS AGAINST KOWLOON

Police Extend Navy For A Period

AN EARLY INJURY DISORGANISES TEAM

BOTH SIDES EXPERIMENT

AT Boundary Street, Royal Navy collected two more valuable points in their Senior League football championship bid, when they defeated Police by 4 goals to 2.

Police had quite a fair share of the play in the first half, but after the interval they fell right away.

Police were handicapped by an injury to their right-half before the interval, which necessitated his transfer to outside-right, where he was a passenger for the rest of the game. This disorganised the Police line, which had been working well, and following this reverse they were rarely a danger to the stout Navy defence.

Parker, of Police, must wonder where he will be played next. After being played in the forward and half-back lines, he was seen in this match at full-back, where he gave a good account of himself, being the best defender on the field. Navy also experimented, Spiller, normally an outside-right, being played at inside-right, and Jones, who usually plays inside-left, being seen at centre-forward. While these moves were not an outstanding success, both players did well, and if they are allowed to settle down in these positions should show great improvement.

Navy went ahead through Spiller after some fine combination between Betts and Thoburn. They did not, however, deserve to be one up at this period as Police looked by far the more dangerous side, and had enjoyed more of the play.

From the kick off Police resumed the attack and a fine shot by Wong Man-kwai was well saved by McAllister. Navy swept down on the right and Brittain, who was playing a grand game at centre-half, was forced to concede a corner.

Shortly before half-time Police equalised when Kwong Hing slipped the ball to Howlett, who tapped the ball past McAllister.

After the interval, Police did not look dangerous, and for a long time Navy did everything but score.

Navy, however, went further ahead when Armstrong netted with a hard shot from point-plank range. In the next minute Thoburn sent Jones through and the centre-forward netted without difficulty. Police reduced their arrears when Howlett beat three men on the left to present Wong Man-kwai with a goal, but the Navy made certain of the result shortly before time when they were awarded a penalty, Jones making no mistake from the spot.

CLUB 2 EASTERN 3

On the Club ground, Eastern defeated Club by the odd goal in five and deserved their victory, as they played the faster football in the second half, when Club were obviously a tired team.

Large portions of the centre of the field were waterlogged and accurate play was impossible, but Eastern adapted themselves better to the conditions. Club players, on the other hand, made the mistake of over-dribbling.

It is, however, only fair to mention that Club were below strength as they had Wilson at centre-forward in place of Fowler, and Bond at right-half. Both these players had already played for Club juniors, but sportingly turned out to aid the seniors. Wilson, while not having much to do, netted two splendid goals.

Notable absentees from the Club eleven were K. Forrow, J. Skinner, S. Strange and F. Fowler.

Coles, in the Club goal, showed excellent anticipation and saved his side on three occasions when Hau Ching-to broke through and looked certain to score. Keown and Millington, both former junior team stalwarts, presented a rugged defence to the fast-moving Eastern forwards and were very tired at the end of the match. Duddridge, the pivot, worked hard and displayed some nice touches, but hung on to the ball too long, a fault which E. Strange also indulged in. The best of the forwards was Pearce, inside-right, who had the better of Law Wai-kuen and supplied Pile with splendid passes. Pile was a good winger, but was starved in the second half. Bickford was below form and Carr was much too slow on the left-wing.

Eastern were best served at half-back. Lau Shih-tsam, right-half, was a rare worker and kept Club's left-wing very subdued. In the centre, Hau King-shing was his usual constructive self, whilst Lau Wai-kuen did well on the left, but found Pearce a rare handful. Both wingers played well, with Hau Ching-to the better of the two, but he missed easy chances on at least three occasions. Lee Tak-kee, in the centre, worked hard without achieving much.

Eastern were first to attack and should have gone ahead when Hau Ching-to sent across a perfect pass which Yu Yuck-shing and Lee Tak-kee both missed. Play now quickly swung to the other end and Wilson snapped up a pass from Pearce and scored with a beautiful shot. Hau Ching-to, at the other end, went through on his own but shot wide of the post. Eastern reduced their arrears when Lee Tak-kee netted from a pass by Hau Ching-to. Both these goals were scored in the first five minutes of the game, and no further goals were registered before the interval.

On the resumption, Club went ahead through Wilson, who headed in a lovely goal following good work by Pearce and Pile.

Club were having slightly the better of the exchanges at this stage, but Eastern rallied and it was not long before Yu Yuck-shing easily netted with the Club defence spreadeagled. Eastern secured their winning goal through Hau Ching-to after he had missed a "sitter."

SECOND DIVISION

CLUB 3 EASTERN 1

On the Club ground, Club juniors proved too good for Eastern and recorded their first win in a League match this season, being 3 goals to 1 to the good.

Fleming, in goal, saved some really good shots, whilst Wilson and Shaw were a very cool pair of backs. In the half-back line Bond stood out as a hard worker, but on occasions hung on to the ball a trifle too long. Grattan, at left-half, went fearlessly into his tackles and most times brought the ball away with him. All the forwards worked very hard, but either could not, or would not, have a shot at goal, with the exception of Fisher, who netted twice.

Eastern never looked like a winning combination and were deservedly beaten. Shim Ha-moy was the better of the defenders and Lau Heman and Mak Pui-wah did well in the half-back line.

Club were quickly on the attack and went ahead through Fisher, who placed the Club two up when he ran through and netted with a splendid shot. Eastern retaliated and reduced the arrears through Lau Pak-hing, who bundled the goalkeeper over the line following a corner from the left. Club were next awarded a penalty, but Wilson's shot was saved, only for the latter to follow it up and net. The referee, however, ruled that the goalkeeper had been fouled and disallowed the goal.

On the resumption Club still had the better of the exchanges and went further ahead through Himsworth, who netted from a pass by Odell. In the final stages Club were awarded another penalty, but Shaw's shot was pushed over the bar.

KOWLOON 0 MIDDLESEX 4

At Chatham Road, after a dull and uninteresting game, Middlesex defeated Kowloon by four goals to nil.

From the kick-off Middlesex took the initiative, and the game was only 10 minutes old when they took the lead through Thomas. Midway through the half the soldiers went further ahead through Taylor, and just prior to the interval Riches scored their third goal. The second half was a repetition of the first, the soldiers always being on top. It is, however a credit to the Kowloon defenders that only one more goal was scored during this period, Taylor scoring 10 minutes after the resumption.

POLICE 1 5TH A.A. REGT. R.A. 2

The 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. were full value for their 2-1 win over Police at Boundary Street, being far more superior than the score suggests.

Police were unlucky not to score soon after the start when in a melee in the soldiers' goalmouth shot after shot was blocked by the defenders. The interval arrived with no score.

Soon after the resumption the Artillery went ahead when, from a pass from McCamley, Calvert scored. The same player sent them further ahead shortly afterwards with a fine long range shot which beat Taylor. The Police were not disheartened, however, and reduced the arrears through Dowman, who sent a centre from Tse Shi-yue past Poole.

ENGINEERS (E) 5 R.A.O.C. 1

At Happy Valley, Royal Engineers reversed as earlier defeat when they beat R.A.O.C. by 5 goals to 1.

Play was mostly confined to the Sappers' half during the early stages, Hall saving brilliantly from Munton and Emberson. The Sappers were finding it difficult to keep their feet on the slippery surface, but they were the first to score, a high lob from Pelham completely deceiving the Ordnance goalkeeper.

On the resumption, Engineers quickly asserted their superiority, and it was not long before Fox increased their lead. The Sappers seemed to have mastered the conditions and Pelham in particular was putting in some nice touches. They were not having matters entirely their own way, however, and Ordnance were very dangerous with individual efforts Hall saving magnificently from Emberson and Duffield. It was not long, however, before Denyer eluded the opposition and went on to score.

Rides was putting in some sound defensive work, but the tendency of the Ordnance defence to play the offside game was fatal. Following a melee in the goalmouth Humphries had the misfortune to see the ball go off his foot into the net. The Ordnance continued with their attempts, and their efforts were rewarded when Boocock, following up a long shot from Emberson, which Hall partially saved, scored from close in.

Pelham further added to the Sappers' total following a corner, which Lowe placed perfectly into the goalmouth. The end came with the Ordnance trying to reduce the deficit, but the Sappers' defence held out.

The game opened very evenly, both goals being under pressure although neither 'keeper was called on. About five minutes had elapsed when Kowloon took the lead. A Middlesex defender stopped the ball, which glanced off his boot, and P. Jorge, running in, gave Jackson no chance with a terrific first-time drive. Middlesex now took up the attack and in a goalmouth scrimmage Hartley did well to push the ball out for a fruitless corner.

Midway through the first half Middlesex equalised when Marable, accepting a pass, ran up the wing, cut in and, to the surprise of Kowloon's defenders, who expected him to shoot, squared the ball to Watson, who beat Hartley with a first-timer. The soldiers now piled on the pressure and Kowloon's defence was hard pressed. A tussle between Hartley and Watson saw both players land in a heap with the ball a few feet away. Hartley however managed to recover and, despite the attention of three soldier attackers, clear.

Just before half-time Kowloon came back into the picture, Riertsen having hard luck on two occasions. His third effort, however, was successful. Accepting a pass, he cut in and gave Jackson no chance with a magnificent drive.

On the resumption Kowloon always looked the more dangerous and almost increased their lead midway through when Riertsen broke away and sent in a grand drive which Jackson just managed to turn round the post with a magnificent one-handed save.

The latter stages of the second period found Middlesex making a great effort to obtain the equaliser. Watson broke through, but the advancing Hartley saved his parting effort. A few minutes later Hartley had to dive full length to save from Watson. In saving, he pushed the ball out to the left and Marable let drive with a grand first-timer, but Kowloon's 'keeper was there again and cleared grandly.

THIRD DIVISION

ELECTRIC 4 SOUTH CHINA 1

Suffering a 4 goals to 1 defeat, South China conceded the points to Electric in their fixture at Caroline Hill.

The game was played in the rain, and it was undoubtedly Electric's superior ability in controlling a greasy ball on the wet pitch which gave them victory. South China took a fair share of the exchanges in the initial half, during which only one goal was scored; and that was a penalty awarded for hands and converted by Gardner.

In the second half, Tsang Kai-wing was kept very busy by the Electric forwards, who played a remarkably accurate passing game under adverse conditions. In a breakaway Yi Lin-liang, the Chinese centre-forward, sent in a long shot which Quinn failed to hold, and his attempt to stop the ball crossing the ball line resulted in a bounce up about a yard from the goalmouth. In the melee which followed Chan Ping-yun hooked the ball over the line to equalise. Electric were definitely on top, however, and shots were sent in by Sabhan, Gardner and Sloan. From the second of successive centres, Gardner sent Electric ahead, and shortly afterwards a movement on the left wing saw Gardner in a scoring position, with only the 'keeper to beat, and he had no difficulty in finding the net. The final goal came when Gardner flashed in in a rasping drive.

TEN GOALS FOR FROUDE

The fixture between Powhattan and R.A.F., at Caroline Hill, produced 12 goals, all in favour of the airmen, and of which Froude scored ten.

Powhattan took the field with only 10 men and played short throughout the match. Within five minutes of the start R.A.F. had established a two goal lead through Froude and Saunders. Froude then proceeded to find the net on five successive occasions, solo runs and passes from his left and right wingers sending him through. The last goal before the interval came from Goodwin, outside-right, who deceived the defence by moving to the inside position to receive Brittlebank's pass.

After the interval Powhattan enjoyed a larger share of the play, but they could not stem the tide, nor make an impression on the R.A.F. defence. Driscoll was the brains of the R.A.F. forward line, drawing the Powhattan defence time and time again before passing to Froude who, before the close of play, added another four goals to his tally.

S'CUTTERS W/T. 6 R.E. (E.) 0

At Chatham Road, Stonecutters maintained their challenge for the leadership of "B" Division by an overwhelming victory over European Sappers, scoring six times without reply.

The game was not so one-sided as the score suggests, and had the soldiers had any luck they would have had one or two goals.

The game opened in a torrential downpour which made things difficult for both sides. However, the sailors were the first to find their feet and within five minutes were one up, Tufnell netting a penalty kick awarded against one of the Engineers' defenders for hands. Before long the telegraphists were further in front when Chapman scored during a goalmouth scramble.

In the second half Stonecutters exerted further pressure and goals were added by Heap and Garfield, the former's being the best of the match. Before the final whistle Chapman scored two further goals for Stonecutters, bringing the total up to six.

WANTED—A REFEREE

The match between A.S.A. and Medicals, scheduled for Chatham Road yesterday, was postponed owing to the non-appearance of the referee.

SIGNALS 3 24TH R.A. 2

After a very exciting match at Prince Edward Road, Signals just managed to beat 24th Bty. R.A. by the odd goal in five.

It was rather against the run of the play when Kitcher ran through in fine style and scored the Signals' opening goal. The Gunners soon retaliated, however, and Atkins equalised. For the remainder of the first half honours were even.

Immediately after the resumption Summers sent R.A. ahead.

24th Bty. were unlucky to concede a goal when Howell deflected the ball past his own goalkeeper.

Signals scored their third goal when Carter sent the ball into his own goal as he tried to stop a hard drive from the opposing centre-forward.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AND SCORERS

FIRST DIVISION

Club	2	Eastern	3
Wilson 2.		Lee Tak-kee, Yu Yuck-shing, Hau Ching-to.	
Kowloon	2	Middlesex	1
Jorge, Riertson.		Watson.	
Police	2	Navy	4
Howlett, Wong Man-kwai.		Jones 2, Spiller, Armstrong.	

SECOND DIVISION

Club	3	Eastern	1
Fisher 2, Himsworth.		Lau Pak-hing.	
Kowloon	0	Middlesex	4
		Taylor 2, Thomas, Riches.	
Police	1	5th A.A. Rgt.	2
Dowman.		Calvert 2.	
Engineers	5	R.A.O.C.	1
Pelham 2, Fox, Denyer, Humphries (own goal).		Boocock.	

THIRD DIVISION "A"

Electric	4	South China	1
Gardner 4.		Chan Pung-yun.	
*5th A.A. Regt.	v	P.W.D.	
*30th Hy. Bty. R.A.	v	Royal Scots	
*Royal Engineers (C)	v	R.A.S.C.	
*Kit Chee	v	Stanley	

* Postponed ground unfit.

THIRD DIVISION "B"

Powhattan	0	R.A.F.	12
		Froude 10, Saunders, Goodwin.	
S'cutters W/T.	6	Engineers (E)	0
Chapman 3, Tufnell, Heap, Garfield.			
*A.S.A.	v	R.A.M.C.	
* Postponed.			
Signals	3	24th Hy. Bty.	2
Kitcher, Howell (own goal) & Carter (own goal).		Atkins, Sumner.	

LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE

FIRST DIVISION

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts.
Navy	13	9	3	1	40	19	21
S. China "A"	12	10	0	2	43	10	20
Eastern	11	6	1	4	31	26	13
Middlesex	13	6	1	6	26	25	13
S. China "B"	12	5	1	6	21	23	11
Kowloon	11	4	2	5	17	19	10
Royal Scots	11	2	6	3	21	35	10
Police	13	5	0	8	27	41	10
Club	12	4	1	7	27	34	9
St. Joseph's	10	2	2	6	23	31	6
Kwong Wah	10	1	3	6	16	29	5
Totals	128	54	20	54	292	292	128

SECOND DIVISION

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts.
South China	13	11	2	0	35	14	24
Middlesex	13	10	1	2	60	24	21
5th A.A. Regt.	13	9	3	1	40	17	21
Royal Scots	12	8	1	3	33	12	17
St. Joseph's	10	6	0	4	30	13	12
R.A.O.C.	13	5	2	6	43	37	12
Engineers (E)	12	5	0	7	41	37	10
Kwong Wah	12	5	0	7	31	42	10
Kowloon	12	4	0	8	18	35	8
Police	14	3	2	9	17	45	8
Eastern	13	0	4	9	16	54	4
Club	13	1	1	11	11	45	3
Totals	150	67	16	67	375	375	150

THIRD DIVISION—"A" SECTION

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts.
Royal Scots	14	12	2	0	43	11	26
South China	13	7	3	3	30	23	17
30th Hy. Bty.	12	6	1	5	32	23	13
P.W.D.	12	5	3	4	24	34	13
Kit Chee	11	5	1	5	28	21	11
Stanley	13	4	3	6	29	28	11
Electric	12	5	0	7	30	27	10
Engineers (C)	12	3	3	6	24	31	9
5th A.A. Regt.	13	3	3	7	20	40	9
R.A.S.C.	12	2	1	9	27	49	5
Totals	124	52	20	52	287	287	124

THIRD DIVISION—"B" SECTION

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts.
R.A.F.	14	13	0	1	55	12	26
S'cutters W/T	15	12	1	2	64	13	25
24th Hy. Bty.	13	8	2	3	47	22	18
Signals	14	7	2	5	39	25	16
R.A.M.C.	13	6	3	4	35	23	15
Kumaon Rifles	13	4	2	7	26	38	10
Engineers (E)	14	4	2	8	20	42	10
University	9	4	1	4	20	16	9
Powhattan	15	1	1	13	17	86	3
A.S.A.	14	1	0	13	8	54	2
Totals	134	60	14	60	331	331	134

Cup-Tie Football Order Of Day

HARTLEY PLAYS BRILLIANT GAME FOR THE WINNERS

BELL'S FINE PROMISE

AFTER a very keen game yesterday afternoon at Chatham Road, Kowloon Football Club defeated Middlesex by the odd goal in three.

Despite conditions underfoot, the game was played at a very fast pace, both teams going all out. Typical Cup-tie football was the order of the day, no quarter being asked and none given, the soldiers being rather unlucky to lose both points as a draw would have been a fairer result.

Hartley, Kowloon's custodian, played his usual grand game and was ably supported by Everest and Eastman, the latter keeping Pearson bottled up practically throughout the game. Bliss, in the pivotal position, gave a great display, both in attack and defence. Bell, a newcomer at left-half, although not conspicuous, did all that was required of him and showed some excellent touches. Maxwell had a grand game and hardly ever placed a foot wrong.

Of the forwards, P. Jorge was outstanding, his ball control under the circumstances being amazing. Honniball was a hard worker as leader, and Knox, on the right, gave Sheehan a difficult day. White and Riertsen were always a dangerous wing, while the latter showed that he could shoot.

For Middlesex, Jackson played a splendid game in goal and made some magnificent saves. Sheehan and Cooper were both good backs, although the former had a very gruelling game. Of the intermediate trio, both Freshwater and Wilkinson were excellent, breaking up attacks and making openings for their forwards with judicious passes. Bright, in the pivotal position, was not up to his usual standard, while Watson, at centre-forward, tried hard but was too well watched to make much headway.

Saw and Courtney both played well and kept their wingers well supplied with the ball. Pearson was too well watched to do much damage, although he occasionally managed to send across dangerous centres. Marable, on the left, spoiled some good openings by erratic shooting.

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL

The following is to-day's League soccer programme:—

FIRST DIVISION

Kwong Wah v Royal Scots (Kowloon, 4 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

South China v St. Joseph's (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)

Kwong Wah v Royal Scots (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION "B"

University v Kumaon R. (Club, 2.30 p.m.)

WEDNESDAY, 11TH JAN., 1939

Air Force v University (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.).

NEW GOLF PENALTY

(By AIR MAIL)

London, December 23.

A new penalty is proposed for golf on Edinburgh Corporation courses. Under St. Andrews rules, lost ball will still mean stroke and distance, and so on; under a new Corporation regulation a lent club may mean fine or imprisonment.

The new regulation, which is intended to prevent delay on the courses, and which was approved by the General Purposes Committee yesterday—Councillor Tom Stevenson presiding—runs:—"No player shall exchange or lend clubs during the progress of a game. No player shall use an iron club for driving off except in the case of a short hole."

Councillor Sawers, questioning whether the regulation was seriously meant, asked whether if the chairman and he were playing a match and he asked the chairman to try out his putter they might both find themselves in Saughton Gaol. Breach of the regulation as of others involved on conviction a penalty not exceeding 40s, or in default of payment imprisonment under the Summary Jurisdiction (Scotland) Act, 1908.

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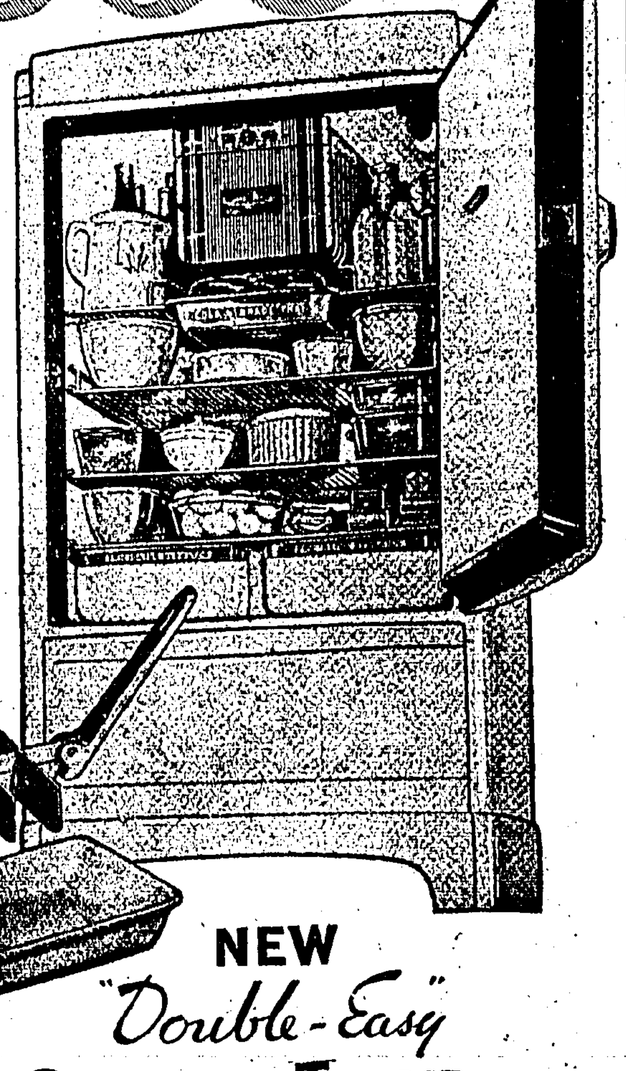

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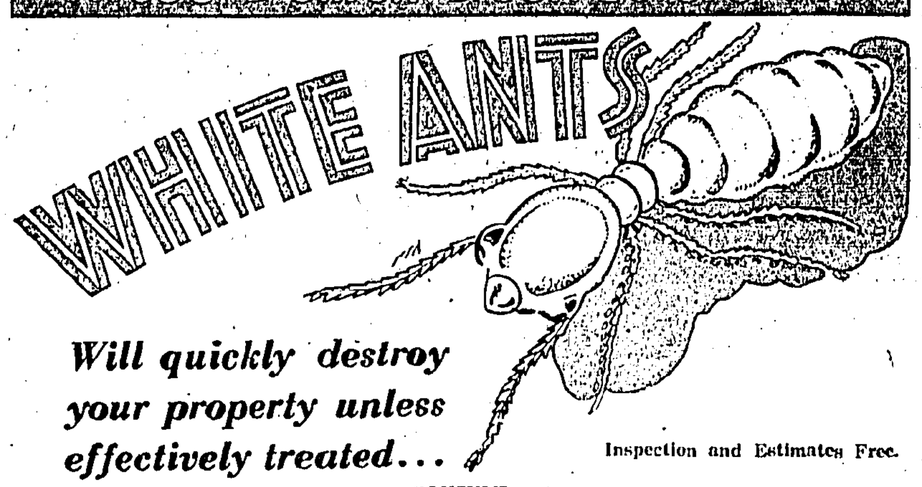

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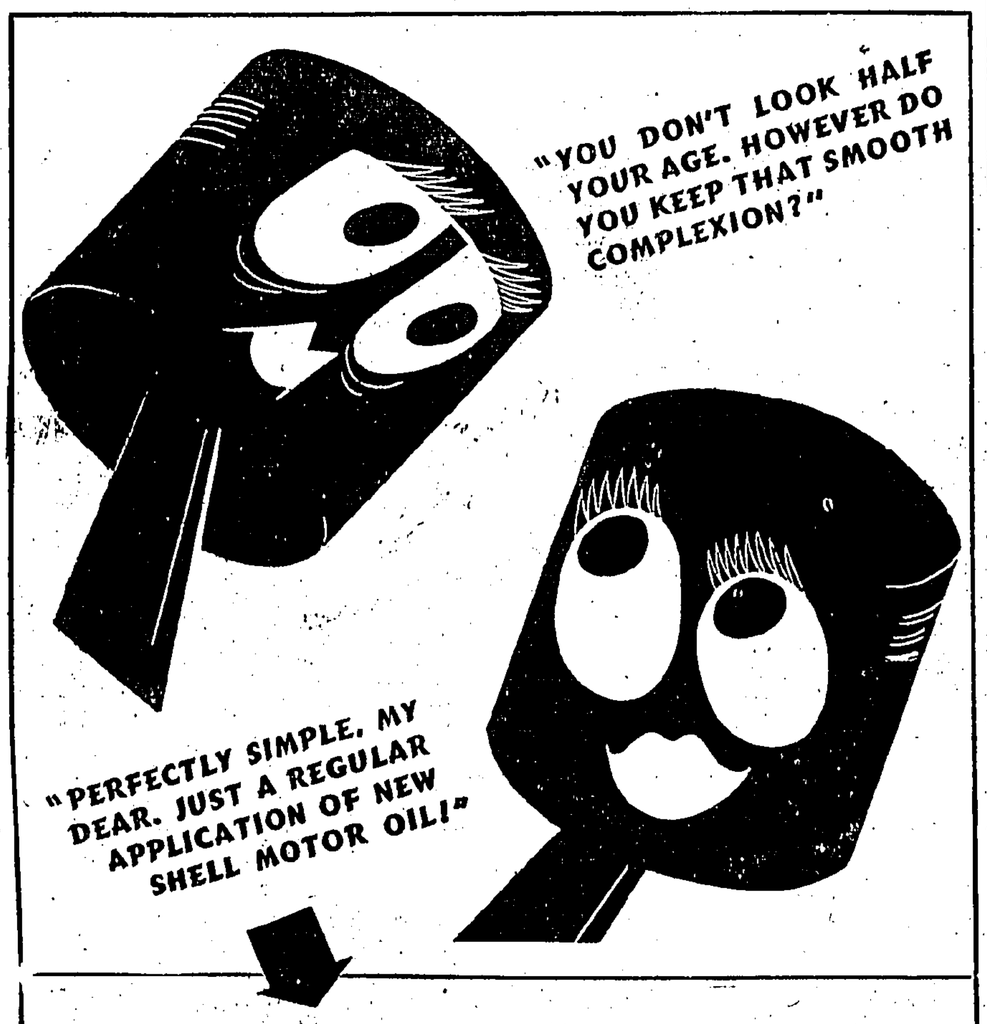

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Fotheringham at Home

Second of a series of SHORT STORIES about a butler whose employer found him oddly likeable—and so will you. The stories are written by JOHN HEYGATE

"I had waited next to her in a fish shop while she haggled over cod."

BEATIE and I had Oaklands, our new all-timbered Neo-Tudor residence; we had our two-way air-lined American limousine, and we had Fotheringham, the perfect butler.

What more could we need? Friends. Friends to talk to and nod to and smile to. Friends to invite into the house. Friends to gossip about and friends to gossip about us. We had been at Oaklands nearly six months and we knew no one.

On page sixty-seven of the etiquette book Beatie had read that the first step in making acquaintances in the country was to acquire a large antique china plate and place it on the hall table.

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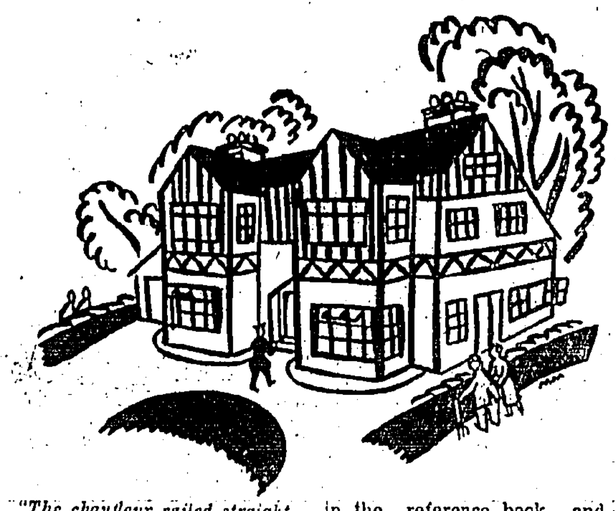
Beginning with the vicar and the lord of the manor, visiting cards would soon appear in the china plate, whereupon we would seize our own card-case and go dropping cards in the china plates of our neighbours. She had bought



"The chauffeur sailed straight between the gateposts and came to anchor at the front door."

a china plate, not genuine, but making up for its lack of antiquity by weight and girth, and she had placed it on the hall table one morning when Fotheringham was not looking.

There it stood in the hall. There we sat in the lounge. Every time we came in from a promenade in the limousine we looked hopefully in the plate. But page sixty-seven of the book must have omitted something. The cards were not appearing.

"How about trying *ground bait?*" I suggested, with the instincts of a fisherman. "Some of those specimen cards like they showed us in the shop. That'll bring them."

* * *

Beatie made an impatient sort of noise. "What do we care if they call on us or not?" she said, gazing wistfully on the virgin gravel of the drive.

"That's right, old girl. We don't care; do we?"

Beatie swallowed some kind of an emotion and went to rearrange for the hundredth time her flowery arrangements in the drawingroom.

The next morning I caught Fotheringham ostentatiously dusting and polishing the china plate in the hall. He did not exactly comment aloud on the absence of cards; but something in his dusting seemed to open the conversation, for I suddenly heard myself replying: "No, they don't seem in a hurry to get to know us, do they?" Then, remembering it was the automaton in black to whom I was addressing myself, I added with dignity: "Not that Mrs. Weatherall cares for company, you know."

"No, sir?" said Fotheringham.

"We're a lonely pair of birds—what I mean is, we like the quiet, simple life."

"Yes, sir?"

"Yessir! We do."

That defeated Fotheringham and concluded the conversation for the moment.

The whole trouble, it appeared, was a woman of the name of Lady Smart. Lady Smart apparently ruled the social life of Luke's Hill.

What she said went. When she said nothing "nothing" was the attitude adopted by her fellow-residents. We were experiencing a policy of nothing, Beatie and I.

I had often seen this social arbitress driving round in a rather decayed-looking landaulette, with a chauffeur with a face like a duke mounted in front, and she did not strike me as any better or worse than others of God's creatures. I had waited next to her in the fish shop while she was haggling over cod, and the thought occurred to me, what a fine old trout was my Beatie compared with this skate. What right had she . . . ?

"Who is she after all?" I protested to Beatie. "Who's *Lord* Smart? How do you know she's *Lady* Smart at all?"

"Don't be absurd," said Beatie. "I've just looked her up in the reference book, and although I couldn't actually find her, Smart is a fine old name, one of the best."

"Is it?" I snorted. "So's Weatherall. And Weatherall doesn't need to be in no reference book to show how good it is!" And I went out and began to dig in the portion of the garden which I had railed off for myself from the gardener.

If any one were to drive up our avenue on a Sunday afternoon and look over the adolescent hedges, he would see a series of husbands, good men and true, all digging in their gardens. It was the gardener's sacred hour.

Similarly and naturally, we gardeners had a good view of any one passing along the avenue, and when, towards four o'clock on a Sunday afternoon, Lady Smart's landaulette, complete with chauffeur, hove in sight and proceeded at a genteel crawl in our direction, one spade after another ceased work.

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Where was her ladyship's carriage bound? It appeared to be slowing down, hesitating, seeking some address of which it was not quite certain. In the next estate I could see our neighbours, Mr. and Mrs. Toogoods, nudging themselves with excitement, and I nearly grinned at them till I remembered we were not acquainted.

At last the landaulette came to a standstill. It was really impossible to say whether it rested opposite the Toogoods' entrance or the Weatheralls'. Of her ladyship herself there was no sign; but with the agility of a mummified knight in armour the chauffeur got himself off the box and descended to the ground, where he stood for a while looking round him until he had made certain that every one in the neighbourhood had seen him. Then from his breast coat pocket he produced a wallet, from which he took what appeared to be a visiting card or cards.

Holding the cards with gingerly elegance and looking every way but in front of him he sailed straight between the gateposts of Oaklands and, sweeping up into the wind, came to anchor at the front door. He rang the bell and stood gazing with candid innocence round him.

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Up till now I had been too astonished to make a move. The Toogoods had ceased prodding and nudging each other and were staring open-mouthed at the phenomenon. I thought the best policy would be to lie low and leave Beatie to handle the situation. So I pretended to go on digging, while Fotheringham opened the door and her ladyship's chauffeur disappeared inside it.

No sooner had he reappeared and repeated his voyage down the drive to the car than I galloped into the house, where I found Beatie in the hall, examining the china plate.

"Congratulations, old girl, we've been called on!"

"Yes," said Beatie. "I suppose we have. He didn't leave any card."

"That's all right. He probably forgot them. Lady Smart has been and called on the Weatheralls of Oaklands. We're made."

We were.

The very next afternoon the Toogoods called. The day after the Pryse-Rices followed suit. Then came the Burges, the Mafeking Smiths, the Henry Greens, the Robert Greens, and after that I lost count. I got positively blase, as I read the latest names in the plate each night.

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"WE shall soon have to get another bowl." I remarked jocularly to Fotheringham.

"Yes, sir."

"Nothing like a spot of company. Brightens the place up, what?"

"Yes, sir."

A conversational bloke, Fotheringham.

Then one afternoon when it seemed as if the whole neighbourhood must already have called Beatie and I were hanging about on the chance of any dregs of local society turning up when, to our surprise, we saw the famous landaulette sweep up the avenue again and turn this time into our drive and stop at the front door.

"Lady Smart," announced Fotheringham.

Beatie arranged her face in a smile of welcome.

"How are you?" I said cheerily, feeling I knew the old skate pretty intimately by this time.

"I am quite well, thank you," said her ladyship with a rather less marked degree of intimacy. "And how do you care for Luke's Hill?"

"Oh, we love it," said Beatie. "It's such a friendly neighbourhood."

"Yes," agreed Lady Smart, none too willingly.

"It was so kind of you to call on us. It made all the difference, being strangers so to speak."

"Jolly decent of your ladyship," I added.

"I don't quite understand," said

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FINAL PHASE of the Spanish WAR

Monarchist or Republican, Spain Has Never Wandered From the Orbit Of The Democratic Powers, Says MANUEL NOGALES, Former Editor of the "Ahora" Madrid

IF General Franco had received the rights of a belligerent, as requested, in return for the withdrawal of 10,000 volunteers, he would have been presented with a victory which he had been unable to obtain by arms. The right of the belligerent means nothing more nor less than a right to impose a blockade, that is, to reduce by famine a Republican Spain which had successfully maintained itself against sword and fire.

But neither Franco nor his allies can beleaguer Republican Spain without the assent and the collaboration of the democratic Powers, at whose expense this manoeuvre would be effected. This is quite clear. Franco cannot win the war unless England and France provide him with the necessary weapon. And it is absurd to imagine that the democratic Powers would present Franco with a weapon which, in the long run, would be turned against themselves. For, apart from questions of doctrine and ideological bigotry, Franco is for the totalitarians an instrument of imperial expansion in the Mediterranean and North Africa; nothing more. If Hitler's Germany thought that the Spanish communists could be effectively turned against French and British imperialism in North Africa, it would support them, as Imperial Germany supported the Russian communists in 1917. If Mussolini had the slightest hopes of finding anyone among the Spanish democrats to support his expansionist tendencies, he would leave Franco and his whole team of Catholic bishops and Jewish bankers to their fate and would ally himself with the Spanish Republic as he attempted to do at the outset. Germany's and Italy's support of Franco is dictated not by ideological reasons, still less by sentimental grounds which the totalitarians systematically despise, but by the fact that they have in him the necessary instrument of their policy.

Monarchist or republican, Spain has never wandered from the orbit of the democratic Powers, in which her geographical situation obliged her to revolve. Franco was attracted by the promises of the totalitarians and imprudently imagined that he would be able to make of the peninsula a warring State and the arbiter of the destinies of Western Europe. This extravagant conception received the name of Imperial Spain. But Franco, after ruining his country by two years of civil war, was suddenly confronted with a hard and tangible reality that his shortsight had prevented him from seeing, when, in view of an imminent European war, he had to put his pride in his pocket and sue for the friendship of Powers against whom he had demonstrated an unreasoning hostility. On that day of September when war was on the the point of breaking out, Franco realised the falsity of the position in which he had been placed by his protectors. War was avoided; this enabled him to maintain his equivocal situation and to continue to exploit it. But here we see that belligerent State which had begun by vesting rights of belligerent in itself kneeling to those very Powers against which it had proclaimed its hostility. Franco and his friends, seeing that they cannot win by arms and fearing that the regime of concessions inaugurated at Munich may be extended to the Mediterranean, have modified their tactics and agreed to send back 1,000 Italians to Italy, in exchange for rights of belligerent, in other words, the right to institute a blockade and the assent of the great democracies to a scheme to reduce the Republic by famine during the winter. But the democracies have learned much from Munich. This time, they are not prepared to forge an arm designed to be turned against themselves, as they imprudently forged the weapon of non-intervention. Their attitude is quite clear: if Franco can win, let him win, but let him refrain from seeking their collaboration in a victory which he is unable to carry off alone. It is evident that if France closes her Pyrenean frontier and if the British vessels no longer call at the Spanish ports, the Republic is doomed; but it is hard to conceive why this crime against the Spanish people should be abetted by Powers resolutely decided not to intervene in the conflict, even if they know that there is such a thing as unilateral intervention.

This firm resolution has defeated the tactics adopted since Munich by Franco and his allies, who, realising their failure, have now renounced their intrigue to revert more than ever to the policy of armed intervention in Spain. Whatever happens, Franco must be victorious.

New Phase

Thus, during the next few weeks, the Spanish war will enter upon a new phase. Victory is a necessary factor in the diplomatic conversations that are to take place in Rome on Mr. Chamberlain's visit to Italy. It is known that Italy, reversing her policy of withdrawal, has sent new contingents to Spain and is accumulating an enormous amount of war material in the territory. The new offensive, it is hoped, will be decisive and victory assured. The only mainstay of this victory is the accumulation of troops and material, for Franco, now that he has decimated the Moroccan reserves and the Navarre requetes, does not know where to turn for Spanish recruits. His only resource is drawn upon the Italians.

But Italy, before giving free course to an offensive which may decide the fate of the war, demanded, as was natural, that her troops should fight under their own flag—that the victory should be an Italian victory. The only object of the recent Italian territorial claims was to prepare Europe for this conquest of the Spanish peninsula—an action in which England and France see a fortunate diversion for the peace of Europe. Italy claims Corsica and takes the Balearic Islands; menaces Tunis and occupies the Spanish zone of Morocco. Elementary tactics.

The only difficulty lies in Franco's Spain. Here we see for the first time the real point of friction between the Italians and the Spaniards—the army, the military operations.

Italy's Error

Franco's Spain, whatever may be said by the Government propagandists, has never been worried at Italy's political influence. The Spanish nationalists have absorbed fascism without repugnance, they even accept with enthusiasm their enslavement to the imperialist designs of the totalitarians. This is all very well; but the Spanish army, from the first to the last of its officers, cannot resign itself to the organisation and execution of a specifically Italian campaign in the Peninsula. As now, whilst accepting with reservations what is said of the state of mind of the Spanish officers, it can be predicted that the victorious advance of the Italian columns in Catalonia will mark the point of saturation of nationalist Spain and the beginning of a rapid disintegration. Not the disintegration of the civilian population, as frequently stated by the republican propagandists, but of the army itself, the initiator of the rebellion and the soul of the movement. Public opinion does not count in nationalist Spain; what reckons is the state of mind of the officers, what is told in camps and barracks. And the feeling of Spanish military circles is now unanimous: "If the Italians wish to help us win the war, we shall recognise and pay for their services, when the time comes; but the Spanish war will be won by the soldiers of Spain."

This general feeling is so visible that Franco, for the first time, has been obliged to take repressive police measures against the anti-Italian campaign of his own generals and officers. Up to the present, according to a public statement, the punishments inflicted on military men have been caused by communication with the "Reds." It is alleged that they are merely agents of Barcelona—spies who have crept into the nationalist ranks. Under the pretext of tracing the latter, all Spanish soldiers are subjected to strict police supervision which they are asked to support on patriotic grounds. This is the present situation.

If the Spanish soldiers keep the initiative and bear the weight of the operations, the war will last for an eternity. A Spanish soldier considers war as a normal state and is in no hurry to terminate it; it should be recalled that the Morocco campaign lasted for twenty years and that the reconquest of the Iberian Peninsula took seven centuries.

If the Italians intervene decisively to finish at one blow, they run the risk of encountering not only the resistance of Governmental Spain, but also that of the nationalist army, secretly proud of the prowess and heroism of the other camp and which, if it had to choose, would prefer a "Red" victory to that of the Italians.

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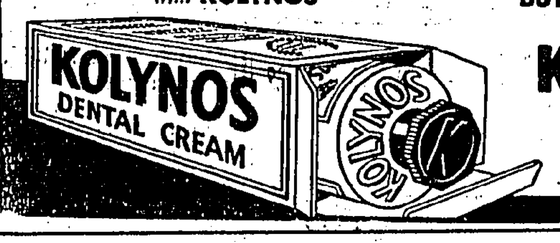

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Fotheringham at Home

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Lady Smart.

"Sending your bloke—I mean your ladyship's chauffeur—along to break the ice. And he broke it, I can tell you, ma'am," I explained, getting my titles mixed up in my enthusiasm.

"Sending my chauffeur . . . ? I am totally at a loss. . . ."

"But you remember?" said Beatie.

"No, I don't," said Lady Smart. "In the first place it is not my habit to send my chauffeur round the neighbourhood making acquaintance on my behalf with strangers. When I call, I call in person. Would you kindly ring that bell?"

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Beatie and I gazed at each other in consternation. Beatie's lower lip quivered. I rang. Fotheringham appeared.

"Pease tell Adams I am ready" said Lady Smart.

"Yes, your ladyship," said Fotheringham.

"I am still unaware how this misunderstanding arose," she said to my Beatie. "But if the neighbourhood and yourselves have gathered the impression from any unauthorised excursions of my chauffeur that I have called upon you, I should be grateful if you would forget it."

The old skate!

"Here, wait a minute . . ." I began.

"No, no," said Beatie, pulling herself together. "Fotheringham, please tell Lady Smith's chauffeur."

Fotheringham did not move. All three of us looked at him. Then the image broke silence.

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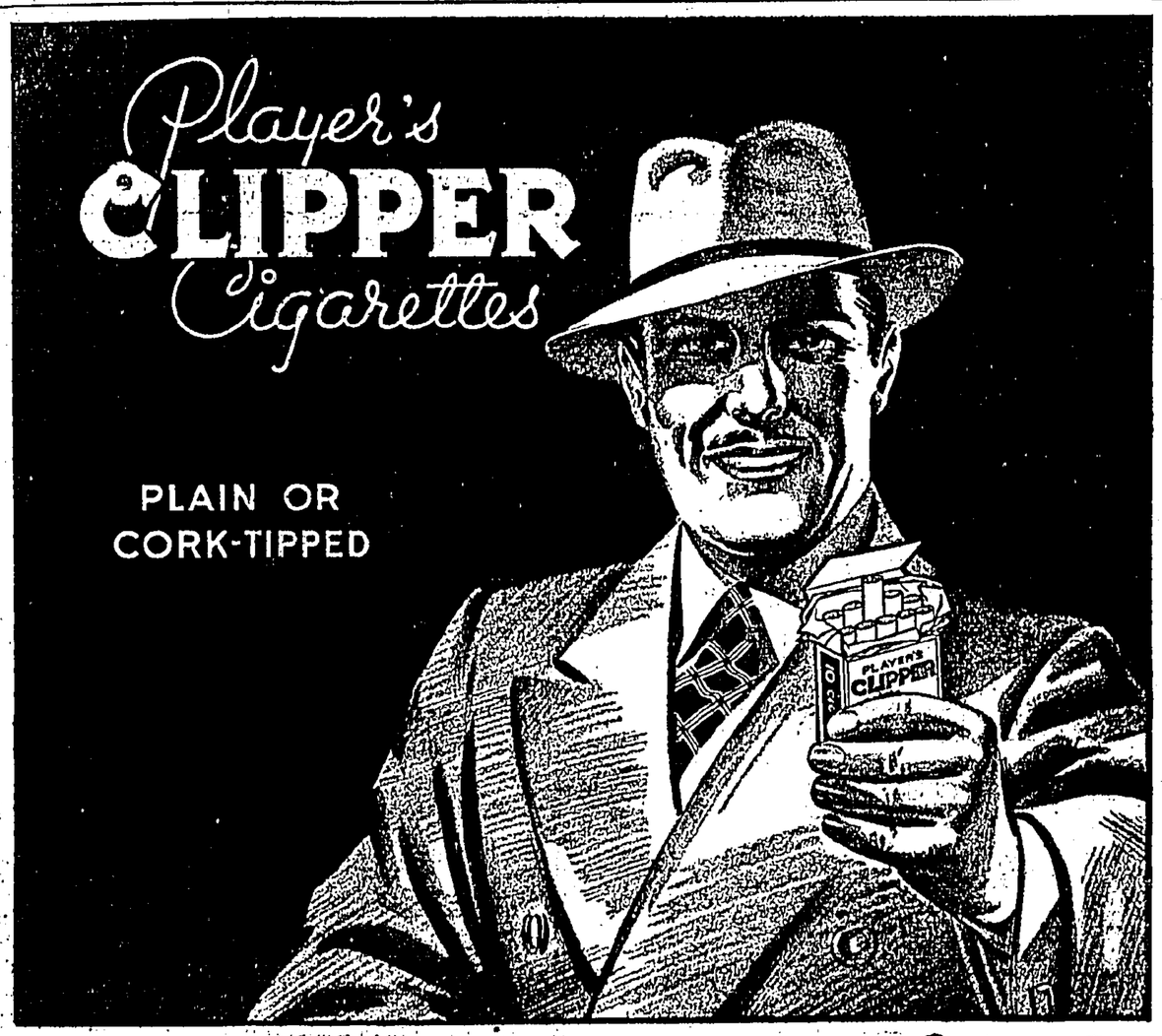
"I fancy there has been some slight confusion," he said. "It was three Sundays ago, if I recall rightly, that I was at home when Mr. Adams was good enough to pay his first call upon me. I much regret that I have not yet had the opportunity of returning Mr. Adams's visit. I am trusting to find time next week. I will inform Mr. Adams that your ladyship is waiting."

You should have seen her face! She sat down. That's what she did. She just sat down again. She stayed to tea.

She turned out to be quite a decent old fish, and no more and no less of a lady than my Beatie. After all, we were all in the same frying-pan. It might not be true, of course, but we had to *pretend* that what was good enough for our butlers was good enough for us, hadn't we?



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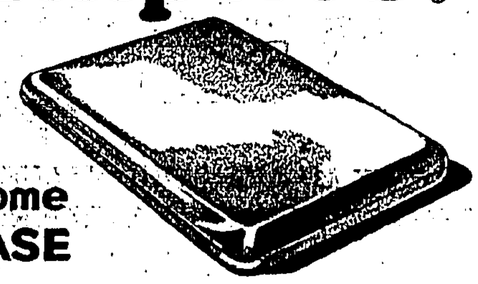

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Britain Takes Initiative

London, Yesterday.

There is reason to believe, says the diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph," that it was the British Government which took the initiative in arranging the meeting of French and British statesmen in Paris.

Although it would be altogether wrong to credit the British statesmen with the intention of seeking to weaken the Berlin-Rome axis, they are at pains to point out that the Paris-London axis has become at least its equal in strength.

In the event of Italy putting forward territorial claims against France, Mr. Neville Chamberlain will flatly repudiate them as being irreconcilable with the Anglo-Italian Agreement.

With regard to the other Italian demands for concessions by France, it will be pointed out to Mussolini that these are matters which will have to be settled between France and Italy alone following the resumption of friendly relations between Rome and Paris.

Apart from a few questions concerning Anglo-Italian relations the conversations in Rome will be confined almost exclusively to a general exchange of views on the international situation and its probable development.

The Paris correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" reports in addition that the Anglo-French Ministerial talks in Paris are expected to deal in the main with Djibouti and the question of Italian participation in administration of the Suez Canal.—Trans-Ocean.

DALADIER DELAYED BY MISTRAL

Paris, Yesterday.

M. Daladier's arrival in Toulon was delayed for two hours by a strong mistral blowing over the Mediterranean.

The Premier immediately proceeded by car to Orange, the principal town of the district of his birth place, Carpentras.

A reception at Orange city hall to be attended by all mayors of the district is scheduled for this afternoon at which the Premier will make a speech which will be broadcast.—Trans-Ocean.

COL. BECK'S MISSION

Berlin, Yesterday.

Col. Beck, the Polish Foreign Minister, arrived here to-day in the course of his tour and will remain for a few days pending meetings with German Government officials.

It is understood when Col. Beck met Herr Hitler, they discussed Polish-German relations in the event of a conflict between France and Italy.—Reuter.

FRENCH GRAIN FOR BARCELONA

Paris, Yesterday.

At urgent representations made by the Social-Democratic delegation in the administrative council of the French cereals office it has been decided to send 60 tons of grain at once to Republican Spain.

Mode of payment proposed by the Republican Spanish Government was approved so that deliveries of grain will begin immediately.—Trans-Ocean.

TRIAL OF POLICEMEN FOR MURDER

Jerusalem, Yesterday.

"Certainly I didn't kill the prisoner in cold blood. I had nothing against him or any other Arab. I hadn't met him before nor did we decide to kill him," declared Police Constable Mansell when the defence opened in the trial of four British constables for the alleged murder of an Arab prisoner.

Counsel for the defence submitted that there was no case for the charge of premidiated murder, though there was prima facie evidence of manslaughter.

The court, however, decided to proceed with the murder charge.

REPAIRING CAR

Constable Mansell, continuing, said that he and Constable Wood were repairing the car, and Constable Crossley joined them.

Suddenly they heard the clanking of handcuffs of the prisoner who had started to escape. Owing to the dangerous neighbourhood they were unable to pursue. He fired a shot in the air and then three other shots were heard. — Reuter.

MEDICAL EVIDENCE

Jerusalem, Yesterday.

At the resumed trial of the four British police constables who are facing a charge of having murdered an Arab prisoner, evidence was given by Dr. Rassam Khairy, of the Government Hospital, who was called in to act as medical expert.

He said that examination of the wounds of the slain Arab revealed that the shots had been fired at close range. — Trans-Ocean.

U.S. APPROACH TO IL DUCE TO AID JEWISH IMMIGRATION

Washington, Yesterday.

In answer to a question on the subject the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Summer Welles, made a statement concerning the conversation that the American Ambassador, Mr. William Philips, had with Mussolini in Rome last week.

Mr. Summer Welles confirmed the report that the conversation concerned the problem of emigration of Jews from Germany, but refused to furnish any further particulars.

Mr. Welles emphasised, however, that Mussolini had shown a "conciliatory attitude."

In well-informed circles it is declared that the American Ambassador submitted to Mussolini further details of the plan for settlement of Jewish refugees in Abyssinia, and intimated that the United States would be prepared to assist in financing this project. — Trans-Ocean.

Revaluation Of Gold Reserves Envisaged?

London, Yesterday.

Following yesterday's momentous decision to transfer £200,000,000 worth of gold at the old parity, or roughly £350,000,000 at the market rate, to the Exchange Equalisation Account, the foreign exchange and bullion markets spent an exciting time this morning.

Sterling, in moderate dealings, appreciated in terms of United States dollars as bears rushed to cover.

Subsequently the tendency showed signs of reversing but the Equalisation Fund promptly stepped in by selling U.S. dollars, which kept the rate on an even keel.

Some surprise is expressed at the action of the authorities, who at the fixing bid up the price to 2d. over parity, absorbing roughly two-thirds of the offerings. — Reuter.

TWO POINTS

London, Yesterday.

Two points most stressed in to-day's comment on the transfer of gold to the Exchange Equalisation Fund from gold reserve of the Bank of England, and the increase of the fiduciary note issue by £170,000,000 to the record figure of £400,000,000 are, first that the latter increase does not involve any credit inflation since the total note issue will, in fact, be reduced by £30,000,000—the amount of the temporary increase made to meet the Christmas demands—and, secondly, that the gold holding of the Exchange Equalisation Account as increased by the transfer places the account in what the "Financial News" calls a "virtually impregnable position."

BIB GOLD STOCK

Editorially the "Financial News" expresses the opinion that the "bold and decisive move" is "the most far-reaching development concerning sterling exchange since the exchange account itself was established six years ago."

Emphasising that the country's monetary gold stock still exceeds £650,000,000, it says: "Following so closely upon the re-imposition of the embargo on foreign issues only a fortnight ago and the request to banks to discourage forward gold dealings or undesirable exchange operations, announced only on the preceding day, yesterday's move strikingly illustrates the determination of the authorities not to lose control of sterling."

It considers that there can be no doubt that the Exchange Fund is now in a position to withstand almost any conceivable pressure to which sterling may be subjected.

BACK TO 1931

The "Financial Times" also considers the transfer of gold and increase of fiduciary issue, each of which is on a scale without precedent, fully justified, since it argues that the markets abroad have not properly appreciated that the combined gold holdings of the Bank and the Fund represent the country's real monetary reserves —a lesson they cannot now fail to learn.

The "Financial Times" points out that since the Bank of England has acquired gold to a total of just over £190,000,000 valued at statutory price since Great Britain left the gold standard in September, 1931, the transfer from the issue department of £200,000,000 leaves the Bank in approximately its 1931 position, which, from the internal point of view, was entirely satisfactory. Moreover, at the market price, the remaining gold reserve of the Bank, as the City Editor of the Times reminds his readers, amounts to some £230,000,000.

The "Financial News" raises the question whether the intention to amend the Currency and Bank Notes Act announced by the Treasury in last night's statement may foreshadow the taking of the necessary powers for the revaluation of the Bank's gold reserve should that ever become necessary or desirable as further reinforcement of the defences of sterling which, as fortified by yesterday's developments, a diarist in the "Financial Times" describes as "The Maginot Line of the Pound." —British Wireless.

IMPROVED POSITION

London, Yesterday.

The financial editor of the "Daily Mail" says that as the result of the transfer to the Equalisation Fund of £200,000,000 in gold, worth £350,000,000 at the present price, the metal at the disposal of the fund is now over £450,000,000 which should be more than enough to meet any conceivable emergency.

The effect has been substantially to improve the rate of exchange as between sterling and the dollar.

The gold holdings of the Bank of England are still £127,000,000, or £209,000,000 at the current market price of gold.—Trans-Ocean.

CALMLY RECEIVED

London, Yesterday.

The gold sale by the Bank of England is reported very calmly by the entire press, all papers confirming the report already circulated that the sale had been made in order to strengthen the Exchange Equalisation Fund.—Trans-Ocean.

CRITICS NOT SATISFIED

London, Yesterday.

The "News Chronicle" to-day comments on Mr. Hore-Belisha's defence of his conduct of the War Office.

The paper states that it is all very well for London to be fully equipped within a month with the new 3.7 inch gun, but the rest of the country is inadequately protected and must, it appears, wait.

The "Daily Mail" says that although Mr. Hore-Belisha has intimated that we shall be supplied with the 3.7 inch guns in great numbers, no mention is made of the 4.5 inch anti-aircraft gun which has been proved the most effective against bombers.—Reuter.

Injured in trying to get off a tram in motion at Morrison Street yesterday afternoon, a Chinese was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital with a broken leg.

CUP SHOCKS FOR FIRST DIV. TEAMS

London, Yesterday.

The following are the results of F. A. Cup and League matches played to-day.

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West Brom.	0	Manchester U.	0
Portsmouth	4	Lincoln	0
Brentford	0	Newcastle	2
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Liverpool	3	Luton	0
Barnsley	1	Stockport	2
Chester	1	Coventry	0
*York		Millwall	
Derby	0	Everton	1
Blackburn	2	Swansea	0
Chelsea	2	Arsenal	1
Sunderland	3	Plymouth	
Aston Villa	1	Ipswich	
*Leeds		Bournemouth	
Newport	0	Walsall	2
Queen's P.R.	1	West Ham	2
Leicester	1	Stoke	1
Runcorn	2	Preston	4
Tottenham	7	Watford	1
Chelmsford	4	Southampton	1
Cardiff	1	Charlton	0
*Norwich		Manchester C.	
Birmingham	2	Halifax	0
†Chesterfield	1	Southend	1
*Huddersfield		Notts F.	
Wolves	3	Bradford	1
Fulham	6	Bury	0
Blackpool	1	Sheffield U.	2
Middlesbrough	0	Bolton	0
*Grimsby		Tranmere	
Notts C.	3	Burnley	1

† When abandoned after 75 minutes, fog.
* Postponed.

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Brighton	4	Swindon	0
Bristol R.	0	Port Vale	1
Exeter	3	Aldershot	3
*Mansfield		Torquay	

* Postponed.

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Accrington	3	Wrexham	1
Barrow	1	Crewe	2
*Hull	v	Rotherham	
Oldham	4	Hartlepools	2
*Bradford C.	v	New Brighton	

* Postponed.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION

Aberdeen	6	Hibernian	1
*Albion		St. Mirren	
*Clyde		St. Johnstone	
*Hamilton		Falkirk	
*Hearts		Ayr	
Kilmarnock	5	Third Lanark	2
*Queen O'S.		Partick	
*Queen's P.		Motherwell	
Raith	4	Celtic	0
*Rangers		Arbroath	

* Postponed.

SECOND DIVISION

Alloa	3	Airdrie	1
*Dumbarton	v	Brechin	
*Dundee	v	King's Park	
†Dunfermline	1	Morton	1
*East Fife	v	Forfar	
*East Stirling	v	Edinburgh	
*Leith	v	St. Bernards	
Montrose	0	Cowdenbeath	1
*Stenhousemuir	v	Dundee	

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—Reuter.

[No correction had been received up to 3.30 a.m.—Ed.]

CRICKET

Port Elizabeth, Yesterday.

M.C.C. commenced their three day match against the Eastern Provinces here to-day when they sent the home team into bat first and secured six wickets for 79 runs.

Brisbane, Yesterday.

In a Sheffield Shield match which commenced here to-day. Queensland had scored 325 for 7 wickets against South Australia of which Don Tallon had 117.

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